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Feds listen to BB; ban Holocaust book

By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Thanks to the year-long efforts of B'nai B'rith Canada's League for Human Rights, the Canadian government last week banned the importation of a book claiming the Holocaust was a hoax.

Titled The Hoax Of The Twentieth Century — The Case Against the Presumed Extermination of European Jewry, the 369-page, $6.99 book has been distributed in Canada via Ron Gostick's Canadian Intelligencer Publications in Flesherton, Ont.

But B'nai B'rith was informed in a letter from A. Lachance, a Revenue Canada officer in charge of administrating prohibited materials, that the book fell under the classification of a provision in the Customs Tariff Act prohibiting the importation of literature "of an immoral or indecent character."

"Accordingly," he wrote, "a Telex has been sent to all regional offices, advising them that the prohibited publication is not to be permitted entry into Canada."

The ban was hailed as a "great victory against hate literature" by Alan Shefman, director of field services for the League, who has been working on the case for a year.

Shefman said the League has since asked Andre Ouellet, the federal cabinet minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation, to also arrange for the banning of the book by mail.

"Believe me, we would greatly welcome the news if we heard that Canada Post decided to revoke the mailing privileges of Ron Gostick's outfit," said Shefman. "He's been doing a big mail order business since 1950, much of it in what we consider to be hate literature against Jews and Catholics."

Shefman said the League first became aware that the hoax book was being distributed in Canada last May as a result of an advertising pamphlet issued by Gostick.

The author was Arthur Butz, an associate professor of electrical engineering at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. And it was published by the Institute for Historical Review, in Torrance, Calif., which has been denounced for more than 10 years by the League's U.S. sister, the Anti-Defamation League.

Pierre Bussieres, minister of Revenue Canada, rejected a request that he take action against Canadian distribution of the Butz book, until copies of it could be examined as evidence.

"We arranged to have an agent buy copies being distributed by Gostick," says Shefman. "And, ironically, in view of the title, I can only conclude after reading it that Butz's Hoax Of The Twentieth Century is itself a hoax.

"It's a sophisticated hoax, mind you, complete with photos and footnotes and other academic paraphernalia, but still a hoax full of half truths and distortions."

Among other things, Butz claims the Nazi war crime trials after World War II were rigged and the evidence falsified. He further maintains that 6 million Jews "were not only not wiped out," but that "there was never an attempt to do so."

BOOBY TRAPS

Such innocent-looking items as a soft drink tin, carton of cigarets and a plant are among the objects used by terrorists as booby traps. These were displayed recently by Israel police to warn public. [IPPA photo]

Rabbi's views differ

NEW YORK [JTA] —

While Soviet Jews have their problems, the refusal of the Soviet government to allow them to emigrate is not one of those problems, according to Adolph Shayevich, the rabbi of Moscow's main synagogue.

Shayevich is one of a group of 20 clergymen from the Soviet Union who have been visiting here.

The rabbi had his first confrontation with reporters at a luncheon with American religious leaders, sponsored by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, an interfaith coalition of religious and business leaders working on behalf of religious freedom around the world.

Shayevich, who spoke in Hebrew to reporters for only several minutes, described as "not true"

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Terrorists planned to bomb mosques

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

As the investigation into the alleged Jewish underground — launched after a bomb attack on an Arab bus was foiled — entered into its third week, there were strong indications that past terrorist activities were only part of a long-term plan to create a deliberate deterioration in the relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

(About 30 suspects have been detained so far in connection with the investigation.)

It now seems that the conspirators planned this deterioration not only as a reprisal for Arab attacks in Israel,

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Turmoil in C. America threat to Jewish life

NEW YORK —

A prominent Jewish leader from Guatemala City says that turmoil in Central America caused by Soviet intervention is threatening the future of Jewish communities in the region.

Speaking at a news conference at the American Jewish Committee's 78th annual meeting here recently, Moises Sabbaj of Guatemala City, vice-president of FEDECO, the Federation of Central American Jewish communities, declared that "Jews are living at added risk in the region because their livelihoods depend on small businesses that are losing investments, or on professional services that inevitably become nationalized in the event of leftist takeovers."

Sabbaj came to the AJC meeting to address its international relations commission as an officially - appointed spokesman for FEDECO, the central representative body of 10,000 Central American Jews in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama and Nicaragua.

Earlier, Sabbaj addressed a meeting of representatives from major American Jewish religious, cultural, educational, and social welfare organizations on the critical internal spiritual and educational needs of Central American Jewry.

The meeting was arranged by Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of AJC's international relations department.

Sabbaj said that Jews in Central America had been suffering from the political situation and outbursts of vandalism, much more than the rest of the population.

Sabbaj, an engineer and manufacturer of consumer goods, added that he "believes without doubt that the Soviet intervention is responsible" for the scope of guerrilla activity in Central America.

"We saw what happened in Venezuela, when the Soviets struck a deal to sell Venezuelan oil to Cuba, the guerrilla activities stopped. We can see the hand of the Soviets in that example and in many others."

He said that Jews also feared they might be harmed by either parties in the conflict. He pointed to a spreading religious revival carrying anti-semitic undertones, and to a rise in Arab influence in the region, which are further undercutting the Jewish community's strength in the already strife-torn region.

Reporting on his conversations last January with foreign ministers, ambassadors, and Jewish community leaders from throughout Central America, Rabbi Tanenbaum said that "recent newspaper reports about Israel's having become an arms merchant in Central America are without foundation.

"There is lots of smoke and little fire. I had lengthy and searching discussions on this issue with Central American government officials and with four Israeli ambassadors in Central American countries.

"I am convinced that there is no government-to-government transfer of arms between Israel and Central American governments. The only arms sale I could trace down was that of the sale of automatic rifles and light submachine guns from Israel to Costa Rica, a parliamentary democracy that has no army."

Population increases

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Israel's population increased by 2% over the past year, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics on the eve of Independence Day.

The population totals 4.170 million, of which 3.452 million [83%] are Jews; 552,000 [13%] Moslems; 97,000 [2.3%] Christians; and 69,000 [1.7%] Druze and others.

MacGuigan responds to Jewish concerns

Plan attacks hate literature

Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan, one of the Liberal Party leadership candidates, says he has several proposals to strengthen the Criminal Code in an effort to stop hate propaganda.

MacGuigan was the first of the leadership hopefuls to respond to The CJN's questionnaire on their views on various matters of specific Jewish interest [CJN May 10]. He answered all nine queries in the questionnaire. Replies from other candidates will be published as they are received.

MacGuigan says the changes he is proposing to make the Criminal Code more effective in fighting hate propaganda include:

1. Remove the element of wilfulness from the offense of promotion of hatred — intent would no longer matter.

2. Shift the burden of proving the applicability of a given defence to rest with the accused.

3. Allow the prosecution of promoting hate literature without the prior consent of a provincial attorney-general.

MacGuigan responded affirmatively to the question about whether the Canadian government should be doing more to bring alleged war criminals living in Canada to justice. However, he gave no details as to what should be done.

In the matter of Canada's Middle East policy, MacGuigan, who has been to Israel, says "I foresee no major changes from Canada's longstanding commitment to a balanced, equitable Middle East policy."

Canada's record on Middle East affairs, he continues, "has been a long and honorable one of steadily supporting Israel's right to exist within its historical borders."

But the matter of peace negotiations and who should participate in them is something the concerned parties must determine on their own, he says. "Because Canada will have no direct participation, it would be presumptuous and at worst prejudicial for Canada to offer comments regarding the negotiation process."

Asked where Canada's embassy should be located in Israel, MacGuigan says it . . . "will be located in the city that is internationally recognized as the capital of Israel. At the moment that city is Tel Aviv."

MacGuigan points out that he has been "and always will be a strong supporter of Canada's multiculturalism program . . . and my primary concern is to increase the profile of the program and the understanding of its principles. To this end, I would initiate a major communications program to encourage greater understanding of the various facets of a

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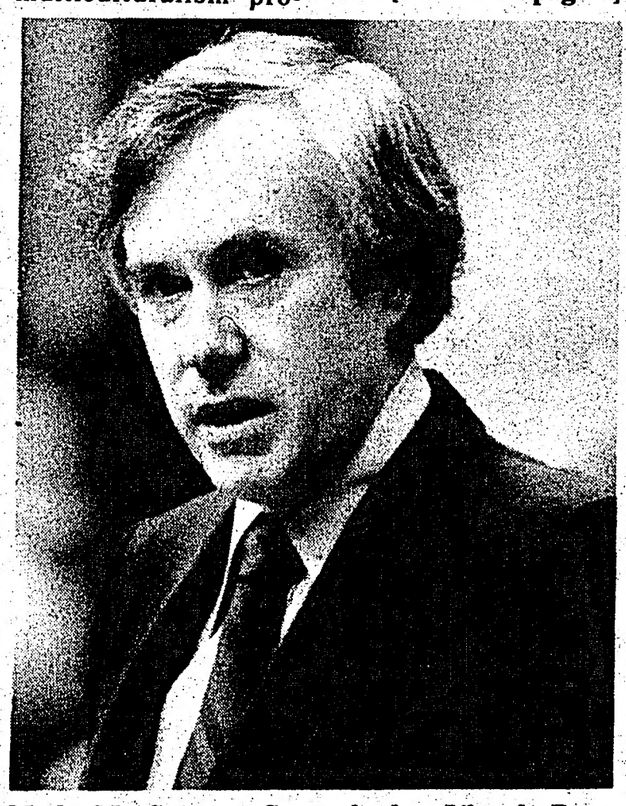

Mark MacGuigan, first of the Liberal Party leadership hopefuls to respond to CJN questionnaire on matters of specific Jewish concern. [CP Laserphoto]

World-National

We must not delay fight against racism

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Carol Tator, president of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, and concerned member of the Jewish community writes:

Dear Rabbi Plaut:

In your recent article entitled "Battle vs. Racism Loses Edge" (April 19), you pose a serious question to Toronto's Jewish community. You ask, have we Jews retreated from our sense of social responsibility towards those who "still struggle against the vicious impact of discrimination?"

Rabbi Plaut

Regretably, I have to agree with your conclusion. Toronto Jews have increasingly become isolated from the concerns of other minority groups who are the present victims of racism in Canadian society.

There are two important exceptions of course. They are the Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights. As you well know, both these national bodies have clearly taken a lead role in speaking out against racism in all of its virulent forms across Canada.

However, within the Jewish community here in Toronto, there appears to be a prevailing sense of either denial or indifference to the pervasive reality of racism as it affects Black, East Indian and Asian groups in particular. In the dozens of workshops, seminars and lectures I have given in the last eight years with community organizations, agencies and synagogues, the overwhelming response is reflected in statements such as "Jews have managed to overcome enormous obstacles without anyone's help; why can't they?" or, "We Jews have our own problems, we can't take on those of the world."

Views deeply disturbing

I find these commonly expressed views deeply disturbing for two reasons.

First, they assume that each new group must simply endure the frustration, pain and isolation that prejudice and discrimination inflicts. This perspective suggests that it is part of the dues one pays to become part of Canadian society.

Secondly, these assumptions ignore the fact that while historically every new immigrant group (including Jews) has successfully improved its social and economic position, 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation non-white Canadians continue to suffer from similar institutionalized racist policies and practices as experienced by their fathers, grandfathers, and even great-grandfathers.

Surely as a community which once was the prime target of racism in Canada, we should know the social and economic waste of excluding whole groups of people from equality of opportunity in the workplace, housing, education and other vital sectors of society. It is our own intimate knowledge of the insidious effects of racism which perhaps places on us a special burden of responsibility for helping to create a more just and equitable society not only for ourselves, but for people of all colours and creeds.

While it is perhaps idealistic or even utopian to think that we can ever eliminate racism totally from our midst, I do believe we can, with the wealth of human resources that exists in our community, help wage an effective battle against its devastating impact. Now is not too late, but surely we must not delay.

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Carol Tator's plea is a cogent one that deserves a postscript.

Some of our people say: "Look how they repay our concern for them. Their Jesse Jacksons and Louis Farrakhans bash Jews the first chance they get. Count me out."

To which I respond: I will not let Jackson and Farrakhan deflect me from doing what is right. Racism exists in our society and that is enough to bestir me. We must look to duty, not to expectations of gratitude.

Make up 10% of Israel's electorate

Politicians try to lure Arab voters

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM — Arab voters may well determine the outcome of this year's elections in the Jewish state.

It is for this reason that Israeli political parties are making every effort to woo Arab voters, who make up 10% of the electorate — more than enough to tip the balance in a situation where the Labor bloc and the Likud bloc enjoy roughly the same degree of support among Jewish voters.

Last week, for example, Ezer Weizman — the charismatic, former defence minister who heads the new Yahad Party — chose to begin his election campaign in Nazareth, "capital of Arab Israel."

Weizman, who speaks fluent Arabic, promised his listeners that he would work for "the elimination of any injustices from which the Arabs may be suffering." And while not glossing over the fact that he had fought against the Arabs in all of Israel's wars, now, he said, "I am devoting myself to the struggle for peace."

The Arabs of Israel, Weizman added, "could play a key role in paving the way to peace with the Arabs of neighboring lands."

Weizman announced that there would be at least one Arab among the first 10 candidates on his party's list, though, considering the fact that Yahad may win no more than three or four seats, that Arab may never reach the Knesset.

More certain of being elected to the Knesset are the three Arabs who will be among the first 45 candidates on the Labor Party list.

Not only will Labor have its share of Arab MKs, says party leader Shimon Peres, but it will also, if victorious, ensure the rapid development of sophisticated agriculture and industry in Arab areas, the provision of more government jobs for Arab university graduates and the inclusion of Arab leaders in all decision-making bodies.

While the Labor Party was in power between 1948 and 1977, the Arabs were pretty much in its pocket. Labor could offer material benefits to Arabs who cooperated with it, and traditionally-minded Arab notables were more than willing to do the party's bidding in return for their share of the spoils.

Things began to change, however, with the emergence of a well-educated, radically-minded generation of young Arabs some 15 years ago. A great majority of them turned their backs on Labor and Labor-affiliated lists, choosing instead to support the Communists, who in recent elections have received about 50% of the Arab vote, and even more in urban areas.

Thanks to their strident anti-Zionism and the support they receive from the PLO, the Communists are expected to do well once again in the July elections. But this time they will be challenged not only by Labor and other predominantly Jewish parties, but also by a new nationalistic Arab party.

Founded recently by 150 activists from 22 Arab localities, it plans to wage an uncompromising fight for Arab rights, and yet, at the same time, to cooperate with Jewish political groups which accept the justice of Arab demands.

One of the leaders of this new party is Muhamad Massawa, chairman of the Kfar Kana Local Council, who recently argued that Israeli Arabs should be given the same opportunities in other spheres as they now enjoy in sports.

In previous years, Massawa pointed out, local Arabs tended to cheer foreign teams playing against Israeli teams because they could not identify with the latter; but when Israel's national soccer eleven beat the Irish side last month by three goals to one — due in large measure to Arab stars Rifat Turk and Zahi Armeli — Israeli Arabs were as enthusiastic as Israeli Jews.

"There would be a similar sense of identification all along the line if the thousands of Arabs who had graduated from Israeli universities were to be properly represented in the upper echelons of the civil service, the economy and other key spheres of society. Were we part of the system," Massawa declared, "then we would defend it."

Many Israeli Jews are unwilling to take Massawa's statement at face value, to accept the possibility that local Arabs — even if given a fair share of power and responsibility — would stand up for Israel in a confrontation with their brethren across the border.

Be that as it may, the needs and desires of Israeli Arabs must be given careful consideration. Today, after all, they already make up 10% of the electorate; by the end of the century, because of their extraordinary high birth rate, they may well constitute 20 to 25% of that electorate.

Such statistics can hardly be ignored by politicians, or by anyone else.

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Editor's note: This story relates, of course, only to the 750,000 Arabs who live in Israel proper and are part of the Israeli electorate. It does not take into consideration the million Arabs who live in areas that are administered, but have not been annexed, by Israel.

...and then there were none

Last Jews leave Shawinigan

By
DAVID FRIENDLY

SHAWINIGAN, Que. — In November 1946, as Shawinigan Falls, Que. was at the height of its industrial heyday that would carry it through prosperity for the next decade, its small Jewish community of about 30 families celebrated the wedding of native-born Harold Friendly to Lilian Richler of Montreal.

Shawinigan Falls is north of Trois-Rivieres and half way between Quebec City and Montreal. In those days, the 100-mile journey from Montreal took over four hours by train.

In winter, arrival meant bundling into a horse-drawn sleigh for another 15-mile ride through virtual wilderness.

Not that life in Shawinigan Falls was deprived of modern conveniences. It was the site of Canada's first and largest hydroelectric plant, built for the aluminum company.

Companies that flocked to drink of cheap power flourished and in turn helped build many community services.

The Jewish community dates back to 1900 and has been active in the general community. Jews made a significant contribution to the social structure of the town [Harold Friendly, for instance, was very involved with the Red Cross while his wife participated in the local chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

In addition, the community maintained a strong Jewish home life.

Kosher food would arrive regularly from Montreal and religious services were held in living rooms and basements.

Some even made the long trek to synagogues in Montreal every weekend . . . living in two civilizations. During the week they were businessmen in a thriving town. On weekends they would melt into the Montreal community of Shabbes davening and the Sunday shvitz.

The last Jewish residents of Shawinigan Falls, Que., Lil Friendly, standing right, and Harold Friendly, seated centre, will be leaving for Toronto next month. With them, from left, are daughters Anne, Marilyn and Debra. Son David is at right.

Progress left Shawinigan [the "Falls" was dropped sometime in the 50s] behind in its wake, but took most of the Jews with it — to Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and New York.

Over the last 25 years their numbers dwindled: first too low to have High Holiday services, then too low for a minyan.

In the 1960s, Steinberg's store in Shawinigan stopped ordering special food for the Friendlys and other Jewish families. In the 1970s, Steinberg's closed.

Next month (June), the process will come to its conclusion.

Harold Friendly, 68, a former safety supervisor for Du Pont of Canada and Lilian (Richler) Friendly, 58, an analyst with the federal tax department in Shawinigan are leaving town.

The Friendlys, the last Jews of Shawinigan, will pull away in their car for the 1½-hour drive to Montreal (a mere 150 km) and on to their new home in Toronto.

The people of Shawinigan won't notice. The census takers will not appreciate the significance of the event.

The Jewish factor will be gone from another community.

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Editor's note — David Friendly, 33, is the son of Harold and Lilian Friendly and resides in Toronto with his wife Jeannine (Wainrib). He works for Gulf Canada as a safety, health, and environment coordinator.

David has two other sisters who live in Toronto. They are Ann, 22, and Debra, 30.

A fourth sister Marilyn, 35, resides in Montreal and is married, as is Debra.

Truman ceremony attended by Blum

NEW YORK [JTA] — **Yehuda Blum, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, represented Israel at the recent ceremony marking the 100 anniversary of birth of President Harry Truman. The ceremony, attended by foreign diplomats and U.S. officials was held at Leawood, Kansas.**

Blum read greetings from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir who noted that Israel celebrated its 36th anniversary when the 100th birthday of Truman, the 33rd President of the U.S. was celebrated.

"For us in Israel these two events are inevitably linked, for Harry Truman was the first world leader to grant recognition to the newly born Jewish state on May 14, 1948," Shamir's message said.

Shamir declared: "Today we all know that his [Truman's] trust in history and the Jewish people has borne fruits."

World-National

Alta. report: Private schools should join public

By TAMMY KAROL

EDMONTON — An Alberta government committee on racism has completed the first section of a 4-part report on education in the province and some of its findings criticize current Government policies.

The 20-page interim first report, released May 4, deals with private education in Alberta and recommends that private schools be part of the public education system.

"If they meet minimum requirements such as certified teachers and curriculum, school boards must accept them," said Susan Holt, a coordinator for the committee on racism's office in Edmonton.

"Thus the Calgary Hebrew Day School should be accepted within the public school system and it will be up to the minister of education to adopt our recommendation," she added.

The Calgary Hebrew Day School ends its contract with the Calgary Board of Education next month and as of September it will be affiliated with the Catholic School Board [CJN Nov. 17].

The committee was established last summer following the Keegstra affair (Keegstra was charged with teaching his anti-semitic views in an Eckville, Alta. classroom) and one of its mandates is to recommend to the minister of education ways in which to foster greater tolerance and respect for human rights in the education system.

Since fall, the Committee on Tolerance and Understanding has been traveling across Alberta to hear briefs from some 150 individuals and groups including the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights in Calgary and the Edmonton Jewish Community Council (CJN Jan. 12).

Ron Ghitter, a Calgary lawyer, former Conservative MLA, and a member of the Jewish community, is chairman of the committee.

One of the key recommendations in the committee's interim first report is to cease grants for fundamentalist Christian private schools whose teachings condemn Islam and other religions.

According to the report, the government should also be more firm in kicking out "illegal schools" (most of which were established on a religious basis) and do not follow a government-approved curriculum or use certified teachers.

The report stresses that the government should cut off grants to private schools, except for those affiliated with local boards of education and agree to abide by certain basic standards and curriculum guidelines. This proposal, it is expected, will be welcomed by several alternate religious schools in Calgary which were recently forced out of the public school system.

Holt said that the second portion of the committee's report, set for release in June, will deal with education of native children in Alberta.

The third portion will centre around curriculum and professionalism in Alberta schools and will focus on what's being taught in the classroom.

Holocaust studies and resource material available to teach about the Holocaust are expected to be examined in the third portion of the report, according to Holt.

The third section is to be released in September and the last segment should be ready by October, Holt said.

Section 4 will deal with intercultural education and the need for trade fairs and cultural days to complement standard teaching.

Christian service for Holocaust first ever for Cape Breton Island

By FRANK RASKY

PORT HAWKESBURY, N.S. —

A Jewish wife married to a Christian husband were the speakers at a unique and moving remembrance of the Holocaust ceremony held here recently in the chapel of St. Mary's Convent.

It was an extraordinary service on two scores:

It was the first Christian commemoration of the Holocaust ever conducted on Cape Breton Island.

It was also the result of individual rather than official initiatives from either the Christian or Jewish communities.

The service was created by Sister Ellen Donovan of St. Mary's Convent from materials made available by the National Council of Christians and Jews.

Guest speakers were a married couple from Orangedale, NS — John Gardner, a Christian, and Jo Ann, who is Jewish.

Sister Ellen told the small gathering she had been inspired to organize the service as a result of a recent visit to Jerusalem, where she had been profoundly affected by the Yad Vashem.

Jo Ann Gardner spoke of growing up in a non-Jewish environment, where anti-semitic remarks made her feel ashamed of her Jewishness.

"Subtly but surely, all throughout my childhood, I had received the message . . . that there was something wrong with being Jewish," she said.

Eight years ago, when she began to study the Holocaust, said Jo Ann, she gradually began to recover what had almost slipped beyond her grasp — her cherished Jewish heritage.

Minister pioneers study relations

She gave credit to three people who helped her make that difficult journey back to Judaism: Rev. James Parkes, an Anglican minister who has pioneered locally the study of Jewish-Christian relations; Malcolm Hay, a Scottish-Catholic historian; and her husband, John, who urged her to study the Holocaust story.

"These people did not diminish nor negate their Christianity by espousing the Jewish cause, nor by their efforts to understand Judaism," she said.

"On the contrary, they are true Christians. Their insights and compassion have taught me to appreciate the bond between all people of good faith."

John Gardner told the group that the Holocaust story had led him to study anti-semitism and the relationship between Jewish and Christian cultures.

"The Holocaust is not just the history of the Jews," he said. "There is much more to Jewish history than can be understood by looking only at Hitler's murder camps."

In a moving personal testimony, he concluded:

"I have a doubled — Christian and Jewish — vision of life, of the past and present. My knowledge and understanding are wider and deeper. I am less ignorant than I was."

And his wife, he said, had given him another gift.

"Thirty years ago, I loved one Jew," he said. "Because of that love and what it led to — the study of Jewishness, history, Christianity — I have come to care for all Jews. And I am all the richer for it."

Claude I. Taylor

Taylor to get award

MONTREAL — Claude I. Taylor, president and chief executive officer of Air Canada, is the 1984 recipient of the B'nai B'rith Award of Merit, it was announced last week by B'nai B'rith Canada.

The official presentation will be made at a dinner dance on June 21 at the Bonaventure Westin Hotel.

Taylor will receive the award "in recognition of his outstanding contribution in support of Canadian industry and in helping to shape the social fabric of the community at large," according to a BBC press release. Taylor commenced his career with Air Canada in 1949 and was appointed to his present post in 1976.

Previous recipients of the Award of Merit include: Laurent Beaudoin, president and chief executive officer, Bombardier Inc.; Philippe de Gaspe Beaubien, president, Telemedia Communications; William I. M. Turner, Jr., Consolidated Bathurst; Jean Beliveau, Club de Hockey Canadien Inc.; Jacques Courtois, Stikeman, Elliott, Tamaki, Mercier, Robb; Reginald K. Groome, Hilton Canada.

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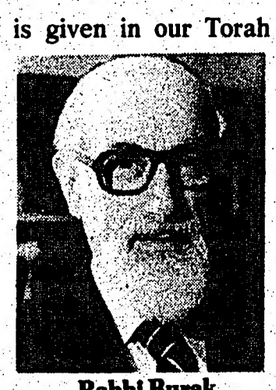
Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: Which mitzvah calls for the most altruism?

It is generally accepted that those who engage in chessed shel emeth are serving the cause of altruism.

Here is the way it is given in our Torah sources. When Jacob felt the approach of death he called his son Joseph, according to Genesis 47:29, and said to him: "Deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt." Rashi explains this passage in this way: "The kindness which is shown to those who are dead is a true kindness, for one does not look forward to the payment of a recompense."



Rabbi Burak

As one reads these words, one may question whether they apply in our times. The kindness shown to the dead is paid for quite handsomely. The gravediggers are well paid. Morticians do well. All too often, those who attend a funeral have hopes of gain.

When a rich man dies, his funeral is well attended, thanks to a host of people who did business with him and his company, and who hope to continue having a fruitful relationship with those who continue the business. Should you doubt the truth of this statement, attend the funeral of a pauper and see what a struggle there is to have a quorum of 10 men at the obsequies.

So, where is the chessed shel emeth?

It is found, today, in a little known aspect of the funeral — in the work of the chevra kadisha. This is a labor of love and devotion in which the rich and the poor receive the same treatment when they have left the world of the living. It is the washing and cleansing, the anointing and consecrating of the body of the deceased; and all this is done with accompanying prayers, passages from holy writ chanted with reverence.

The members of this sacred society clothe the niftar in his shrouds and again chant the holy words of our faith as they do it. Historically, there has always been a male chevra, and a female chevra.

There is some speculation about the origin of the name chevra kadisha. The answers are not too satisfactory. To me, it seems to stem from an appreciation of those who first practiced these rites. We read, in Exodus 13:19, that when the Israelites left Egypt, "Moshe took the bones of Joseph with him." The Sages state that this was an indication of the quality of Moshe Rabbenu, "that at the time when everyone was busy taking the booty from Egypt, he occupied himself with the bones of Joseph."

Since the Sages tell us that some men were called "bnon shel kedoshim" and that this was because they knew not and cared nothing about money, it follows that those who leave all considerations of money out of their thinking and spend many hours in this kind of work for no repayment are indeed a chevra kadisha.

In Toronto, the ladies' chevra kadisha is an outstanding group of 45 women who do this holy work, spend endless hours at it, and do it free of charge. These ladies are the finest in the city, and carry their great names with honor. Mrs. Jettie Schochet is the coordinator of this holy society. There are 10 team leaders, and they are: Yocheved Horowitz, Bea Hoschander, Faye Grafstein. Basia Kerzner. Carol Kravetzky, Miriam Nussbaum, Lillian Robins, Razel Silver, Sylvia Spiegel, and Joy Zigelman. Under such leaders there should be even more members. There is a need for more recruits.

Daily chapters

Readings from Zechariah continue this week, beginning with chapter 9 on Thursday, May 17.

The portion of the week, read on Friday, is Bechukotai (Leviticus 26:3-27:34), and the haftorah — for Shabbat — is Jeremiah 16:19-17:14.

Sunday, May 20, is Lag B'Omer — a semi-holiday celebrating the deliverance from plague, 19 centuries ago, of the students of Rabbi Akiva. It is frequently celebrated with picnics, and in Israel, bonfires in the fields.

Those taking their Bibles along on the picnic should read the opening verse of chapter 10 in Zechariah quietly — it begins "Ask ye of the L-rd rain...."

Finish the week with a chapter each day from Zechariah.

So near and yet so far

Montreal teachers won't give in

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Members of the Federation of Teachers of Jewish Schools, by a vote of over 90%, decided to stick it out together and not accept a situation where two of the four day schools affected by a lockout agreed to a back-to-work proposal and the others did not.

"We went into this as four schools and we will come out of it as four schools," said federation president Mona Nadel. About 365 teachers are locked out.

Negotiations to end the deadlock took a rollercoaster ride last week as it seemed both sides were ready to get the schools back in operation, only to have a new wrinkle enter the picture.

As of press time, the boards of United Talmud Torahs and Jewish People's and Peretz Schools had agreed to put all points in the dispute that have been raised since negotiations began in September before conciliation. They would have then reopened the schools within 24 hours of the federation's notifying them of its agreement.

No new issues were to have entered the talks. Conciliation with the provinical labor department's Jacques Beige was to continue until May 25, and all points not settled by that date would then be put to binding arbitration with his decision to be made known by the end of June.

The main issues are an increase in the time the teachers are required to put in the classroom and the teachers' demand for more say in the decision-making process within the schools.

The wrinkle was that at the last minute Hebrew Academy and Solomon Schechter apparently changed their minds. The former has offered to come up with its own revised back-to-work proposal and the latter did not put forth a counter-proposal as of the end of last week, but has appointed its own negotiator.

Nadel said that if Solomon Schechter and Hebrew Academy had accepted the proposal the teachers would have accepted it too. Another meeting with the conciliator was expected to have taken place on Monday.

Earlier last week, the teachers had given the union a strike mandate by an 89% majority when it appeared the schools might be reopened unilaterally by the boards before this later proposal worked out.

Meanwhile, UTT Executive Director Zave Ettinger said the boards have received assurance from the department of education that students having to write matriculation exams this year will not suffer. However, he was not able to elaborate.

The 4,000 students affected have not been in school since April 12, the day before the Passover vacation began. The lockout went into force over April 25 and 26.

Syria will let the Red Cross visit Israelis

JERUSALEM [UPI] — Syria has agreed to allow the International Red Cross to visit three Israelis captured by Syrian troops in northern Lebanon early this month, but chances of their early release appeared dim, diplomatic sources said last week.

The sources declined to say whether the visit is under way, but said a Red Cross representative was standing by in Damascus to make the visit.

Israeli radio quoted a commentator on Syrian radio saying that the three captives will not be released unless Israel leaves Lebanon.

The Israeli government discussed what was termed as efforts being made to secure the release of the three men, who served at a liaison office north of Beirut.

Cabinet secretary Dan Meridor said the government held the discussion in its capacity as a security ministerial committee whose deliberations are never made public.

The three captives, described as low-level officials of the liaison office, were caught traveling south of Tripoli in northern Lebanon. They were captured between a Lebanese army roadblock and a Syrian military outpost on a road straddling Lebanon's northern Mediterranean seashore.

Israel's foreign ministry charged that the three were handed over to the Syrians by a Lebanese army unit. The ministry's director-general, David Kimche, described the three captives as "young boys who lost their way during an innocent private trip north of Beirut."

Syria accused them of being members of a "sabotage squad" but later said it would treat them as prisoners of war.

Western Europe urged to switch embassies

PARIS [JTA] — Olivier Stirn, who was a minister in the government of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, is urging France and all Western European governments to transfer their embassies in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Stirn heads an opposition minority list, supported by an ecological splinter faction, which is running for election to the Parliament of Europe. The elections will be held July 23. He said that once his faction is seated in the Parliament, he would "tirelessly press" for the move.

"Jersualem must be recognized by all of Western Europe as Israel's capital," he said. He did not expect any Arab opposition.

He predicted that "an Arab Palestinian state will come into existence one of these days but such a development is not connected in any way with the future status of Jerusalem."

Neither the government nor the major opposition parties have commented on Stirn's proposal. Unofficial spokesmen said the former minister was making an open bid for Jewish votes.

Election to the European Parliament is by proportional representation in each country, a system that favors the smaller parties.

Stirn returned recently from a visit to Israel sponsored by Sione, an organization of North African Jews. The group consisted of 47 members of the French Parliament representing all parties except the Communists. They toured Israel, the West Bank and the Lebanese border. They also met with Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Deputy Premier David Levy and Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Berri vows force to oust Israelis

BEIRUT [UPI] — Shiite Moslem leader Nabih Berri, who assumes responsibility for southern Lebanon in the country's recently-appointed cabinet, vows to end Israeli occupation of the region with force, if necessary.

"We should use all means, and if political means don't work, then force should be used," Berri said last week.

Berri called for the "liberation" of south Lebanon, occupied by about 10,000 Israeli troops nearly two years after Israel invaded Lebanon to drive Palestinian guerrillas away from Israel's border.

"We will back resistance," he said, referring to continued hit-and-run attacks against Israelis by troops drawn from south Lebanon's large Shiite population.

A statement by Berri's Amal militia said: "It is everyone's duty to head to south Lebanon and save each bullet for the war of liberation and reconstruction."

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Anti-semitic book seized

Romanian head makes promise to Chief Rabbi

PARIS [JTA] — President Nicolai Ceausescu of Romania has promised Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen that he will personally see to it that "such things do not happen again."

Ceausescu, who met with Rosen for nearly one hour recently, was referring to the publication of virulent anti-semitic articles in a number of Communist Party Papers and in a book of poetry.

Rosen, who arrived last week in Paris on his way to Casablanca to participate in the First National Conference of Moroccan Jewish Communities, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Ceausescu told him as soon as he was informed of the anti-semitic nature of some of the works in a book of poetry published a few months ago he personally ordered it seized and withdrawn from circulation.

Rosen said the president also told him that the author, Corneliu Valerian Tudor, was reprimanded "within the (Communist) Party framework as was the editor in charge of the book's publication."

The Chief Rabbi said his meeting with Ceausescu had been "very friendly" and that the president had shown full understanding of the situation.

Rosen said Ceausescu had not tried to deny the anti-semitic nature of the attacks, as some of the lower echelon officials had done, and assured Rosen that from now on he will personally see to it that such incidents do not recur.

The Chief Rabbi told the JTA he regretted that the president had failed to provide adequate reparation for the harm doen to the Jewish community by the slanderous attacks and that Valerian Tudor has not been publicly prosecuted, as specified by the Romanian criminal code.

Rosen said that the chief army prosecutor, with whom he had filed criminal charges against Valerian Tudor has not yet taken any measures against him. Under Romanian law, it is the army judge advocate who deals with cases involving charges of fascist activities and racial crimes.

Rosen filed such charges against Tudor in March upon his return to Bucharest from a 3-month trip to Israel. He told the JTA at the time that he found most of Romania's 29,000 Jews scared, some actually panicky, about the anti-semitic diatribes in the official press and the book of poetry.

The book of poetry, which appeared last December and was widely distributed, contained material reminiscent of the worst wartime anti-semitic literature. The material in the book said that Jews were "cursed" for being "thieves and corrupters, people with no conscience and no sense of loyalty, who have no patriotic links whatsoever to their country and only think of how to exploit it."

Since the JYA made known the Romanian anti-semitic campaign in March, several prominent Romanian leaders met with Rosen to assure him that the publication of Valerian Tudor's book had been an "accident"

Kaplan feels support for Israel should be on Canadians' agenda

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Canadian Jews should put support for Israel on their agenda of domestic issues and not relegate it to the category of foreign, Solicitor - General Robert Kaplan told a synagogue audience.

"The State of Israel is so much a part of our lives and of our identity that we cannot call it a foreign issue," he said at a State of Israel Bonds dinner at Beth Zion Congregation in honor of Jerry Rubin.

He said that the Canadian identity recognizes a multicultural dimension which allows support of another country.

"The Jews in my riding expect me to express my views as a Zionist and a Jew," Kaplan said.

He added that it is not far-fetched to suggest that Jews' involvement in Canadian public life has something to do with Israel's ability to defend itself and develop into a viable state.

He said that personally he would prefer Canada took "a strong pro-Israel" stand, but defended current Liberal policy as "evenhanded and very fair to Israel."

Turner receives Kaplan support

Kaplan later told The CJN that he has given his support to John Turner in his Liberal leadership bid, in part because he has received a written assurance from the latter offering strong support for Israel and non-recognition of the PLO.

Kaplan also said that the large number of Jews appointed to the cabinet, senate, bench, diplomatic posts, and other high positions in the public service should not be seen as some kind of effort on the part of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to make amends with the Jewish community, or as tokenism.

"We are not on his hit list or his good list," said Kaplan, who was speaking in Trudeau's riding of Mount Royal.

Kaplan did not touch on the matter of Nazi war criminals resident in Canada during his speech, but did tell The CJN in an interview that the RCMP is presently investigating the two alleged Ukrainian war criminals living in Montreal brought to Kaplan's attention in January by Simon Wiesanthal.

Kaplan said he was disappointed in the slowness of investigation, but remains committed to the issue.

Social events to increase at convention

TORONTO — B'nai B'rith Canada's 1984 convention promises more social activities than at any past convention, according to the convention chairman, Judge Norman Bennett, of Hamilton.

Convention 84, to be held at Grossinger's in the Catskills May 28 to 31, will also include seminars and discussion sessions "giving the delegates and guests an opportunity to deliberate on issues of concern to B'nai B'rith and to all Jews in Canada," Bennett says.

The social events are being organized by members of BB in Hamilton and, says Bennett, "as everyone knows, the Hamiltonians put on the best conventions." There will be sports events for men and women, as well as a 50s night, bingo and a president's ball.

Lodges from Montreal, Oakville and Ottawa will also contribute to the social activities,

Judge Norman Bennett

Bennett adds.

A past president of Viceroy Reading Lodge, B'nai B'rith, and legal counsel on the board of governors, Judge Bennett has been a dedicated Ben Brith in Hamilton for many years.

After graduating from McMaster University in Hamilton, and from Osgoode Hall Law School, he practiced at Foreman and Bennett in Hamilton. He was appointed to the bench in 1982 as a Provincial Court judge in the criminal division.

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Bulletin: At press time announcement was made of Rauff's death

Report links Rauff to Italy's Catholic Church

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The Simon Wiesenthal Center last week released 43 pages of documents, many of them previously marked classified by United States intelligence agencies, which link Walter Rauff, the Nazi war criminal now living in Chile, to important figures in the Catholic Church in Italy.

The release of the information follows four months of research by the center conducted after the Vatican last year denied allegations that it aided Rauff's escape after the war from Europe to South America.

With the release of the documents at a news conference here, the center reiterated an earlier call on the Vatican and Pope John Paul II to conduct an investigation into the church's post-World War II activities which, the center alleges through the documentation, aided and abetted Rauff's escape.

The center also called on the Vatican to use its influence with the Chilean government of President Augusto Pinochet to have Rauff extradited and brought to justice for his war crimes.

Rauff, inventor of the mobile vans used in the early stages of the Holocaust is responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Jews during the war.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Center, noted that the Vatican maintains "considerable influence" with the Pinochet government. He said that just recently, the Vatican persuaded the Chilean authorities to deport four terrorists who gunned down the mayor of Santiago. They were provided safe passage to Ecuador, Hier said, "all at the behest of the Vatican."

Rauff was a high-ranking Gestapo official in Italy in 1943 through the last days of the war in 1945. He was captured by the Allies and moved to an allied detention center in Rimini, Italy, a place from which he later escaped.

Six months prior to his escape, documents note, 20 Nazis escaped along a "route linked directly to Vatican officials."

Rauff is quoted as saying he escaped from Rimini at the end of 1946 and went to Naples. "There I was helped by a Catholic priest to go to Rome where I stayed more or less 18 months, always in convents of the Holy See," Rauff told the Chilean supreme court in 1962 when it reviewed an extradition request from West Germany for the Nazi war criminal. The request was later denied.

He also told the court, according to documents, that later, "with the help of the Catholic church my family was able to come from the Russian zone in Germany to Rome."

After being reunited with his family Rauff went to Syria, then to Ecuador and finally to Chile. He does not have Chilean citizenship and travels on a German passport.

The center's contention is that while the name of the priest who helped Rauff in Italy during the 18 months is not known for certain there was a relationship between Rauff and two leading church officials during the war and that it is unlikely that Rauff did not in some way contact them, or mentioned their names in order to obtain safe haven.

Documents provided by the Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC) later to become the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) note the numerous meetings Rauff had with Monsignor Don Guiseppe Bicchierai, and Cardinal Ildefonso Schuster, the Archbishop of Milan.

"These were no ordinary churchmen," Hier said. "Cardinal Schuster was one of the most respected and powerful leaders of the church. He was mentioned as a possible successor to Pope Pius XI. Msgr. Bicchierai was both a priest and a lawyer, charged with conducting surrender negotiations on behalf of the cardinal."

The negotiations both with Mussolini and the Nazis, were, according to Sister Pascaline — an aide and confidant of Pope Pius XI — "carried out through the Archdiocese of Milan at the specific request of Pope Pius XI," Hier said.

Rauff was a key figure in these negotiations and "had a close relationship with Bicchierai," Hier said, adding that they exchanged personal gifts and Rauff circumvented an order from a Gestapo chief to arrest Bicchierai.

After escaping Rimini, Hier contends that when Rauff was in Italy "it is reasonable to conclude that Rauff would have told the priests who helped him all about his good standing with Bicchierai and Schuster.

"It is even possible to believe" that the two church officials knew of Rauff's long stay in "convents of the Holy See" during those 18 months, Hier contended.

"It is also reasonable to presume that Pope Pius XI would have known about Walter Rauff as he monitored the ultimately fruitless negotiations for the surrender of Nazi occupied Italy," Hier said.

Hier is asking for an investigation into the facts pertaining to Rauff's postwar stay in Rome.

Chinese receive support from BBC over head tax

TORONTO —

The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada has voiced its support of the Chinese community's call on the government to repudiate the "shamefully racist" head tax Canada imposed on Chinese immigrants from 1885 to 1923.

In a letter to Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan, national chairman David Matas affirmed the League's support of the Chinese Canadian National Council's recent request that the government apologize to Chinese-Canadians and compensate those who were forced to pay the head tax.

"We regard the head tax, and the Chinese Immigration Act which replaced it, as shamefully racist measures, which deprived Canada of much initiative, commerce and culture," Matas said.

The head tax, which was designed to discourage Chinese immigration, was initially $50. It was raised to $100 in 1901 and to $500 in 1904. The tax applied only to people of Chinese descent.

A positive response to the issue would ease the hurt that the restrictive policies may have created and help all ethnocultural groups feel an integral part of Canadian society, Matas said. "By facing the most sorrowful truths of our history unflinchingly and honestly, Canada will underscore its commitment to a tolerant, equitable society."

Citing Canada's closed door policy to Jewish refugees from Hitler's Europe from 1933 to 1948, he said: "The Jewish community, having suffered the effects of immigration rules based on racist notions of 'desirability' and human worth, is sympathetic to the desires of the Chinese community to see the government repudiate the immigration restrictions on its forebears."

BBC makes bid to help Japanese

TORONTO —

The government of Canada should "negotiate redress for Japanese Canadians for its treatment of that community during World War II," the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada announced last week.

At a national cabinet meeting, the league passed a resolution calling on Parliament to apologize formally for Canadian treatment of its Japanese citizens for what occurred, to ensure Canada never repeats such treatment of its citizens; and to authorize the negotiation of redress with the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association.

George Imai, past president of the association, told the League cabinet that the Jewish community in Canada supported the Japanese Canadians in their hour of need by offering them jobs, education, training and accommodation when no one else would.

David Matas, national chairman of the League, stressed the continuation of the tradition of solidarity of the Japanese and Jewish Canadian communities.

"The Jewish community was itself a victim of a Canadian government racist policy during and after World War II, which involved the systematic exclusion from Canada of Jewish refugees escaping the Holocaust," he said.

"It is only fitting," Matas said, "that the Jewish community should stand together with the Japanese community now, as it did then, that it should protest what was done to Japanese Canadians and ask for the wrongs to be righted."

Series planned on Wallenberg

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Raoul Wallenberg, the lost hero of the Holocaust, is the protagonist of a new television miniseries based upon his life and exploits in rescuing more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews from shipment to the Nazi death camps.

The announcement has been made by Paramount Pictures TV which will shoot the 4-hour-long production in Europe this summer, with air dates scheduled for next season.

The program, a major undertaking by Paramount, will feature Richard Chamberlain in the title role of the Swedish diplomat who went to Budapest in the middle of World War II, snatched thousands of Jews from the clutches of the German commando squads and disappeared into a Soviet prison camp, never to be heard of again despite the worldwide campaign to gain his release.

The script for the miniseries has been written by Gerald Green, prominent novelist and acclaimed author of the script for the TV series Holocaust.

How Wallenberg foiled Adolf Eichmann's attempt to deal out the same fate to the Jews of Hungary is the theme of the bestselling book upon which Green's script is based.

CJC speaks out over shootings

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed the Jewish community's shock and its condolences to the relatives of the victims of the shooting in the Quebec National Assembly last week. Telegrams were sent to National Assembly speaker Richard Guay.

"As Jews and Quebecers, we understand that there can be no room for terrorism in a free society. The brutality of this event strikes us all," said Bernard Finestone, the Quebec Region chairman.

In a similar vein, the telegram from national executive chairman Dorothy Reitman and executive vice-president Alan Rose stated: "Jews are particularly conscious that acts of terrorism inevitably strike at innocents, as was the case in Quebec today."

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Leo Baeck was born May 23, 1873 to a rabbinic family well established in Bohemia and eastern Prussia. The final heir of Reform scholarship in Germany, he comforted his community in its last hours, as its prophet of hope.

Communities in the German principalities survived Crusades, expulsions, massacres and other persecutions over the centuries to enter the industrial age and national unification as invaluable — if not totally accepted — citizens.

Despite cycles of anti-semitism and the steady, dark growth of barbaric romanticism, which was turning its back on the glittering scientific and cultural achievements pouring forth from Germany's Jews, the latter made every effort for their Fatherland. Jewish financiers helped build the country's railways, merchant marine and communications and power industries. They pioneered the country's international trade and colonization efforts.

Jews in one stage of assimilation or another founded the country's newspapers, theatre and automotive industry. Jewish physicists, physicians and chemists brought German science to world primacy.

Over the same period, the 19th century, Jewish observance took a drastic change of form in Germany, abandoning the ritual of millenia and its Zion-oriented outlook. Jerusalem was exchanged for Berlin, Shabbat for Sunday, and tallit and tefillen for organ and pew. In reaction, a minority of traditional Jews seceded from Reform observance to form neo-Orthodoxy and the foundation of Agudath Israel.

German-Jewish theologians stressed ethics, moral behavior and rationality as the foundations of enlightened Judaism.

The critical exegeses of non-Jewish German Bible scholars and archeologists, some obvious in their anti-semitism, were accepted at face value. In return, the Wissenschaft Des Judentums (Science of Judaism) was founded to research and present the historical, social and literary accomplishments of the Jewish people according to the latest scientific method. While containing an element of apologetics, the Wissenschaft uncovered a treasury of Judaism in a relatively short time and gave the educated Westernized Jew material with which to refute his detractors.

Baeck became an influential spiritual leader of Germany's community by 1912, when he took over a leading congregation in Berlin, at age 33. At 26, he had served in Oppeln, and, from 1907, in Dusseldorf. His reputation for scholarship and ardent Judaism was already widespread. In 1901, he published a polemic against the exaggerated claims of a Protestant theologian. Baeck's Wesen des Judentums [the Essence of Judaism] was published in 1904, to be reprinted in 10 more German editions, in English, and in [1968] Japanese.

Baeck described Judaism as the supreme religion of morality, the "classical" religion of action as distinct from the "romantic" religion of feeling exemplified in Christianity. He also stressed the traditional view that Judaism was universal in its content and teaching, but expressed through a particular nation's path through history.

God, said Baeck, was more than the philosophical postulate on which to construct a theology of pure reason, as articulated by German-Jewish philosopher Hermann Cohen in 1912. God, he wrote, was a living reality, approachable to the degree that the individual strove to follow His commandments in the effort to establish an ideal society on earth. Since such a society was possible, inherent in the commandments was hope. "Thus hope itself becomes a commandment . . . an unconditional postulation. Thou shalt hope!"

Baeck served as a military chaplain during World War I, when more than 12,000 German Jews were killed fighting for their fatherland. He became the spiritual leader of German Jewry, and, from 1922, was chairman of its Rabbinerverband, rabbinic association.

In 1933, when Hitler came to power, Baeck was elected head of the Reichsvertretung der Juden in Deutschland, the national communal body. He devoted himself to defending the ever-dwindling rights left to the country's Jews. He comforted them with hope, as the "witness of faith" that he had written about.

He refused to leave their side. In 1943, he accompanied Berlin's remaining Jews to Theresienstadt — at age 70.

Baeck survived, to continue teaching in London and Cincinnati until his death in 1956.

Terrorists experimented with models

Planned to bomb Moslem shrines

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but also as a means of increasing the numbers of Arabs leaving the country. According to one theory, some of the alleged terrorists believed this in turn would lead to an early coming of the Messiah.

The local media reported that two "projects" in this plan were the bombing of the mosques on Temple Mount and another attack against an unidentified local Arab leader.

According to those reports, several members of the underground plotted to blow up the Moslem shrines, and even experimented with explosives on a model of the shrines.

The suspects reportedly told their interrogators that the bombing would destroy the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aksa mosques, but leave the Wailing Wall beneath the Temple Mount intact.

According to another report the terrorists plotted to bomb the mosques from the air.

The investigators reportedly suspect that the underground may have had deeper roots than it would seem. One of the leaders of Gush Emunim, Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron, was summoned to the Jerusalem police headquarters, and was questioned for seven hours in connection with the underground.

It was not clear whether he was under arrest, or only summoned for questioning.

Yediot Aharonot reported last week that Levinger was questioned, after a top political person okayed the move. It was the second time the rabbi has been questioned since the arrests of the underground suspects over two weeks ago.

Gush Emunim took an official stand denouncing the alleged underground. The Gush said that the settlement of Eretz Yisrael should not involve the deportation of Arabs and the loss of Arab lives and property.

The Gush condemned any attempt to hurt Arabs. It stated that the sole responsibility for the security and the welfare of the public lay on the government, and nobody had the right to exercise this prerogative other than the government.

The Gush leaders decided to extend legal aid to their arrested friends — but not as a body but rather on an individual basis.

Soviet rein on Jews not seen as a problem

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the reports of persecution and harassment inflicted on Soviet Jews. He was asked specifically about Jews not being allowed to leave the Soviet Union and he said this was also untrue.

The 48-year-old rabbi, a native of Birebidzhan, was trained at the rabbinical assembly in Budapest — there is no Jewish seminary in the USSR — and ordained in 1980 under a 1974 agreement reached with Soviet government authorities to alleviate the shortage of rabbis serving the Jewish community.

Last year he succeeded the late Rabbi Yakov Fishman as spiritual leader of the Chorale Synagogue on Moscow's Arkhipova St. This is the larger of the two synagogues left in Moscow and is reportedly the centre of religious life in the Soviet capital.

Fishman visited the U.S. in 1976 as a guest of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Shayevich's visit, along with the delegation of other Soviet clergymen, is being sponsored by the National Council of Churches. The Moscow rabbi led Sabbath services in the Park East Synagogue in Hebrew, which was translated into English. He will spend two weeks in the United States, with a scheduled visit to Los Angeles.

Reporters attempted to obtain access to Shayevich but he appeared uncomfortable with their questions and hesitant at first. Before departing, he was asked about the plight of Jews who have been imprisoned for teaching or practicing Hebrew. He simply shrugged and said: "No."

Few bar mitzvahs

Shayevich acknowledged that one of the problems facing the Soviet Jewish community in Moscow was that there were not too many young Jews attending synagogue services, nor were there many bar mitzvahs or Jewish marriages.

He maintained that it was not the government's fault that Jews do not attend synagogue but that people don't wish to go to worship.

He said he does not hear complaints from people in the synagogue that they are barred from attending services or that they were forced to work on the Sabbath "or anything like that."

In a prepared press release distributed by the foundation, but which was not referred to by Shayevich when he spoke at the luncheon, the rabbi asserted that attendance at his synagogue was on the rise, reflecting what he called a renewed interest among both young and older people in their Jewish faith.

The release said that during the Passover holiday more than 3,000 worshippers jammed the synagogue while 5,000 more gathered outside.

The release added that an increasing demand for religious articles such as prayer shawls and phylacteries was being met by importing them from Hungary. It also noted that annually over the past several years approximately 130 tons of matzoh had been baked and distributed to Jews in the Moscow area.

MacGuigan lists plans for ethnics

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multicultural Canada."

He says he favors increased budget and staff for the multicultural program and would seek a federal-provincial conference ". . . to explore areas in which the federal and provincial governments could cooperate to bring multicultural issues to greater prominence."

MacGuigan says he is in favor of an affirmative action program for the federal public service "and I have several initiatives in mind to increase ethnic representation in appointments in the civil service, judiciary, crown corporation boards and the cabinet."

He adds that he will initiate a program which would recognize the value of a person who speaks a language in addition to English or French.

"I will advertise employment opportunities in the ethnic as well as general press," he goes on, "and I will institute strict recruitment guidelines and encourage contractors who do business with the federal government to follow them. This will be complemented by voluntary affirmative action programs in the private sector."

As Prime Minister, MacGuigan concludes, "I would welcome meetings with any group that has constructive ideas and suggestions regarding Canada's national policies."

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Editorial

Words of hope

Jewish communities are fond of lacerating themselves over the problems of non observance, assimilation and other deficiencies.

Scarcely a day goes by without our rabbis, community leaders and other personnel from the official community pointing up, often in melodramatic images, the alleged hemorrhaging of the Jewish spirit.

It was refreshing, therefore, when Elie Wiesel came to Toronto recently as the advertised speaker on the theme of Jewish survival — and both surprised and charmed his listeners with an address that brimmed over with confidence in the Jewish future (CJN May 10).

What was especially engaging about the Wiesel evening (which attracted an unprecedented audience of about 2,500 people — itself a remarkable achievement) was the fact that easily half of his audience was made up of young Jewish people between the ages of 15 to 20.

Wiesel — who has known enough personal suffering to last several lifetimes and who has reason to be melancholic about the future, given humanity's record — chose to emphasize the positive in Jewish life rather than underline the negative.

The author of more than 25 books on various aspects of the Jewish condition, Wiesel took the high road in advising his enthusiastic audience that if Soviet Jews could have maintained their indenty after 60 years of Communism, it was improper to engage in excessive concern over the prospective survival of Jews in North America.

In an epoch when the Jews of Canada and indeed of all democratic countries are being assailed regularly with predictions about imminent collapse, it is invigorating to hear words of consolation and hope from one of the most eloquent modern prophets of Judaism.

Another view

A new book by a former White House consultant in the Carter administration is making an explosive impact on the Israel-Arab situation.

Joan Peters, vice-president of the National Committee on Foreign Affairs and an advisor to the state department, says in From Time Immemorial (Fitzhenry and Whiteside) that one of the great factors about the Mideast conflict has been successfully obscured by four decades of Arab propaganda.

Peters has approached the Mideast struggle in an entirely original fashion — by concentrating on immigration patterns to Palestine — especially by Arabs — during the period when the country was under the British mandate.

According to Peters most of those who now call themselves Palestinians are the offspring of recent immigrants to Palestine, that is to say those who came into mandated Palestine in the 1920s, 30s and 40s in search of employment and better living conditions.

Peters' study, backed up by meticulous demographic analysis, effectively gives the lie to Arab claims about the Palestinians' thousands of years of domicile in Eretz Israel. She goes further and asserts that the number of refugees who fled Palestine in 1948 is almost exactly the same as the number of Jews who were dispossessed from Arab lands. An exchange of population has taken place.

The historical and demographic perspectives which have for so long been ignored in the Mideast conflict have now been brilliantly illuminated to show Israel's just claims in the region.

"Represents intellectual backbone of modern racism"

Eugenics movement grows in U.S.

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Eugenics, a term popularized by Sir Francis Galton (1822-1911), is "the science of the improvement of the human race by better breeding."

If eugenics has an ominous ring to it, this may well be understandable. For eugenics has been used to promote racism. No wonder the Nazis were interested in it.

According to an article in a recent edition of Israel Horizons, a new eugenics movement — consisting of a growing network of foundations, associations, journals and academicians — has arisen in the U.S.

Barry Mehler, the author of this informative piece, contends that the movement "represents the intellectual backbone of modern fascism."

Eugenics, he observes, laid the groundwork for the death camps in Europe where millions of Jews were killed.

The movement, as described by Mehler, arose in Britain and grew in America. Madison Grant, the foremost eugenicist of his day, was a notorious racist. And in his noted work, The Passing of the Great Race (1916), he wrote:

"There exists today a widespread and fatuous belief in the power of environment to alter hereditary, which arises from the dogma of the brotherhood of man . . . Such beliefs have done much damage . . . Wearing good clothes and going to school and church does not transform a Negro into a white man.

"Americans will have similar problems with the Polish Jew, whose dwarf stature, peculiar mentality and concentration on self-interest are being engrafted upon the stock of the nation."

Mehler, who is completing a PhD in the history of science at the University of Illinois, claims that eugenicists in the U.S. successfully lobbied for anti-miscegnation laws, harsh criminal codes and immigration restrictions which reduced to a trickle the influx of Slavs, Italians and Jews.

The 1924 Johnson Immigration Restriction Act, he recalls, effectively cut off the main route of escape for European Jewry during the Holocaust.

When Hitler came to power, he and his closest advisors studied the American eugenics movement as a model, says Mehler. Indeed, Nazi German's first eugenic sterilization law was based on a model written by Harry Laughlin, director of the Carnegie Institution's Eugenics Record Office.

Laughlin's colleague, Frederick Osborn — secretary of the American Eugenics Society, traveled to Germany in 1937 and, commenting on the anti-semitic Nurenberg Laws, said: "The ban on interracial marriage lacks scientific basis, but may be justified by social conditions."

In the same year, Osborn and Laughlin established the Pioneer Fund which, in the 1950s and 1960s, was directed by Rep. Francis Walter, then chairman of the witch-hunting House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Another member of the Pioneer Fund was Henry Garrett, chairman of Columbia University's psychology department. Garrett, in a 1960 paper on IQ and heredity, remarked: "In Brazil, coastal Bahia with its negroid mixtures is primitive and backward, as compared with the relatively advanced civilization of white southern Brazil . . . Haiti is an unhappy example of what the Negro can do when left to govern himself."

Mehler says that the Pioneer Fund was instrumental in bringing Roger Pearson, an active British fascist, to the U.S. in the mid-1970s. Pearson, he adds, subsequently worked with Willis Carto, the head of the anti-semitic Liberty Lobby.

Furthermore, Pearson helped organize the 1978 World Anti-Communist League meeting in Washington. The Washington Post, he writes, pointed out that the 800 delegates represented the forces of authoritarianism, neo-fascism, racial hierarchy and anti-semitism.

In recent years, Pioneer Fund grants have been given to Arthur Jensen, whom Mehler says is America's leading proponent of Black inferiority, and to Audrey Shuey, whose book, The Testing of Negro Intelligence, has become "the basis for numerous racist studies."

Of course, it would be fallacious to argue that every eugenicist is anti-Jewish. As Mehler points out, Ernst Van Den Haag, who is associated with the International Association for the Advancement of Ethnology and Eugenics, is anything but anti-semitic. His book, The Jewish Mystique, uses eugenic arguments to claim Jewish superiority!

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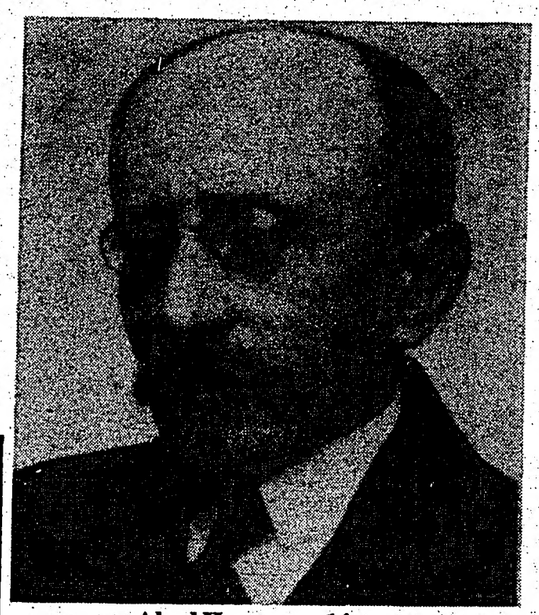
BOOK REVIEWS IN CAPSULE

The Jews Were Expendable [University of Illinois Press, $21.95] is a book one cannot put down easily. Monty Noam Penkower, a Touro College historian, claims that the Allies were basically indifferent, and disbelieving, toward the plight of European Jewry during the Holocaust. Penkower has produced an admirable work of scholarship.

The Rescue of Danish Jewry [The Jewish Publication Society of America, $9.95] is a story of resistance and courage in the face of adversity. Leni Yahil, a Hebrew University historian, relates the dramatic tale of how practically an entire nation saved its Jewish population from the Nazis in 1943. One reads it with a growing sense of wonderment and gratification.



Ahad Ha-am . . . 14 essays

At The Crossroads [State University of New York Press, $34.50] is an important contribution to Zionist historiography. Edited by Jacques Kornberg, a University of Toronto professor of history, At The Crossroads consists of 14 essays on Ahad Ha-am (1856-1927), a seminal figure in modern Zionism. The contributions range from studies of him as a literary stylist and role in the revival of Hebrew to his political thought and his debates with contemporaries about the Jewish future. Kornberg's introductory essay reveals a man of learning, depth and vision.

Golda Meir . . . a pen portrait

My Mother Golda Meir [Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $23.95] fleshes out the career and personality of Israel's first female Prime Minister. Her son, Menachem, has created an extended pen portrait of the stubborn, tenacious lady who devoted all her energies to a cause of which she never lost sight.

The Muses Flee Hitler [Smithsonian Institution Press, $8.95] revolves around the migration of Jewish and non-Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany and their adaptation of new homes in North America and elsewhere. The essays, ranging on topics from German Emigres in Southern Califronia to Canada and the Refugee Intellectuals, are informed by intelligent analysis and good research.

The Interrupted Life [Lester & Orpen Dannys, $15.95] pierces the heart and mind with its observations of deprivation, fear and hope. This is the sensitively-rendered diary of a 27-year-old Dutch Jewish woman, Etty Hillesum, who braved a world torn asunder by the Nazis. Hillesum perished in Auschwitz.

A Voice That Spoke For Justice [State University of New York Press, $16.95] sheds much light on the life and times of a titan in American Jewry — Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. A creator of the American and World Jewish Congresses, and a leading Zionist, Wise, in author Melvin Urofsky's words, possessed "a singular vision in which the ethical teachings of the ancient Hebrew prophets merged with the Jeffersonian ideals of an egalitarian society."

The Rosenberg File [Holt, Rinehart & Winston, $13.95] resurrects the trial and tribulations of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed 31 years ago for having committed treason. Authors Ronald Radosh and Joyce Milton, having scoured the cross-checked the files on this extraordinary case, conclude that Julius was indeed a Soviet spy and that his wife was almost certainly his accomplice. The Rosenberg File will, no doubt, shatter illusions and confrim long-held truths.

The Fate of the Jews [Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $25.50] pricks at a reader's perceptions of Jewish history and Israel. A passionate — and controversial — polemic, Roberta Feuerlicht's book posits the thesis that the reality of the Jewish past and present has been so distorted by myth that "a historical, moral and political overview will make (Jews) aware that they are worshipping wrong gods." Not everyone will agree with her, but few will question her sincerity and her commitment to a better world.

Why The Jews [Musson, $20.95] explores the quintessential conundrum: Why have Jews been the object of enduring and universal hatred? Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin try to prove, sometimes successfully, that the causes of anti-semitism are paradoxically the very beliefs that have ensured Jewish survival over the centuries.

To Dwell In Unity [The Jewish Publication Society of America, $19.95] sets out to chronicle the development and status of Jewish federations on this continent. Philip Bernstein, who was chief executive officer of the Council of Jewish Federations from 1955 until 1979, believes that they have performed stellar service for American Jewry and for Israel.

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Israel's technology on display next week

Isratech an opportunity to show off achievements

By
SARAH HARRIS

TEL AVIV [JCNS] —
It seems hard to believe that with the amount of effort and planning which has gone into Isratech 84 that the Tel Aviv-based high-technology conference lasts a mere four or so days.

Nevertheless, from May 20 to May 24, the Israelis, with the hospitality for which they have become justly famous, will play host to hundreds of buyers and overseas guests who will come to this blockbuster event designed to show off Israel's technological achievements to the world.

Isratech, a regular showcase of advances in modern technology, is held once every three years. Isratech 84 will be the sixth such event and this year the market is open for any visitor to take advantage of the huge advances made even since last year's Isratech.

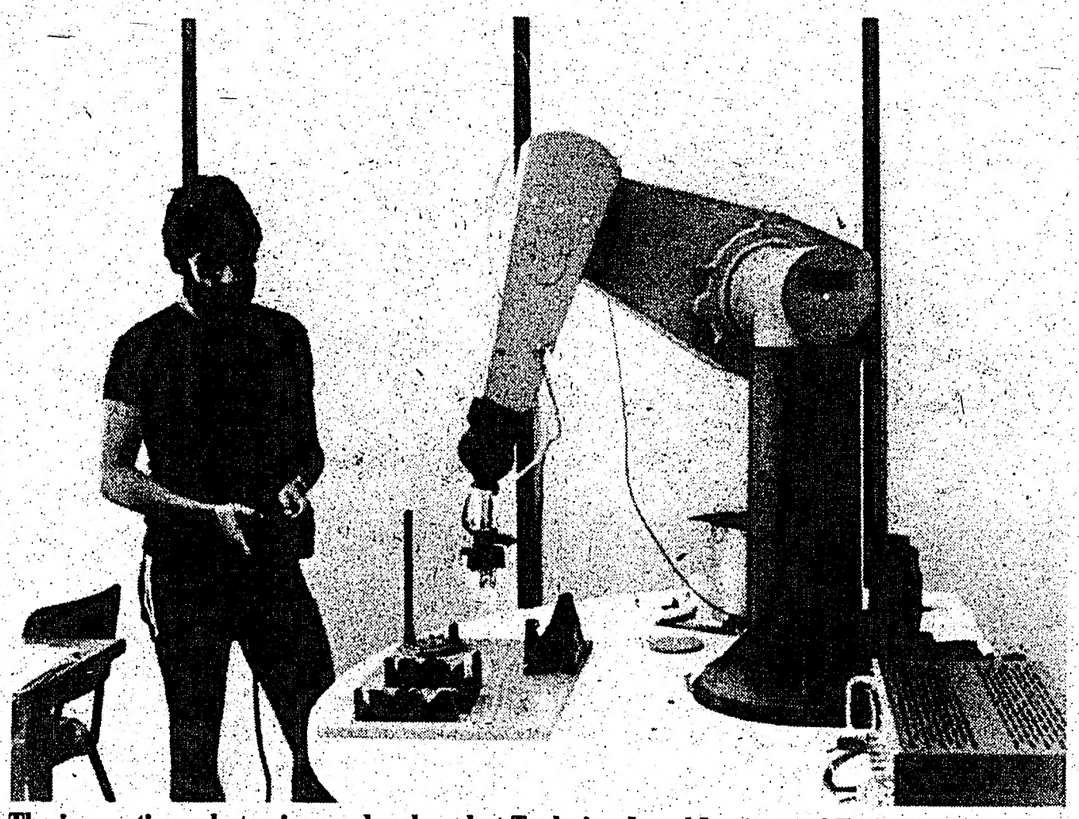
It will be held at the International Trade Fair Centre in Tel Aviv.

On display will be companies representing electronics industries, including defence and security, medical and industrial, telecommunications and control systems, and computer equipment and software; metals — aerospace, including avionics, aircraft and transport equipment; and industrial machinery.

Israel is concerned with high technology and committed to research and development to an extent that few other Western countries are. Since the early 70s there has been a rapid growth in technology-based industries in Israel, spurred on by two major directive institutions: universities and the army.

The push from the universities came in the form of academic research that found a vocational result. Apart from the already prestigious Weizmann Institute at Rehovot, other universities in Israel began to generate industrial plants which produced the fruit of the research.

Computers were the first industry to receive a major boost from this solidly practical setup. Today companies such as Elbit and Elscint have become household names through the application of academic research which, like Topsy, just growed.



The innovative robot gripper, developed at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, enables industrial robots to handle delicate objects that human hands would crush. [Religion News Service photo]

Israel is a country which has long made a virtue out of necessity. The need for a hypermodern military industry which could supply the Israeli Defence Forces with the best possible equipment has in turn produced not only a thriving list of air, ground, and sea defence systems, but has also had a domestic overspill in the application of defence techniques to consumer security needs.

More poignantly, Israel's constant wars have helped the country's medical technology to become a world beater in almost every direction possible. A few of the better known developments will illustrate the point.

Laser Industries Limited is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of a wide range of carbon dioxide surgical laser systems. The Sharplan lasers assure for the surgeon highly precise and sterile surgery; while a more compact unit is designed for dermatological use in outpatient clinics or doctors' surgeries.

Or take just one aspect of Teva Pharmaceuticals' latest developments: a whole range of quality surgical sutures, sterilized by modern, sophisticated gamma ray techniques to make the sutures easier to handle, and double-packed to ensure sterility until the moment of use.

Teva, Israel's largest pharmaceutical group, has researched the different kinds of sutures in depth and offers product information on the sorts of operations in which they should be used.

Navot Technology of Ramat Gan will show Isratech visitors one of its most revolutionary devices so far: a radically new kind of hearing aid for the totally deaf person. Through its subsidiary, Sensor Aid Industries, Navot has launched the Kanievsky tactical aid, named after the scientist who developed the project. Dr. Kanievsky himself is totally deaf and is using the device on a daily basis.

The Kanievsky aid converts sound waves to a series of vibratory signals of varying frequency and amplitude, which are sensed by deaf people who then learn to interpret them. The aid is about the size of a packet of cigarettes and weighs 1 lb. It is strapped to the user's body and has proved extremely useful for people who have no hearing ability at all, either because of disease, accident, or from birth.

The feedback of the vibrations, say Navot, also helps deaf people to learn to speak clearly — a primary example of applied research and development on show at Isratech.

The Israel Institute of Technology has been learning how to pick locks as part of its recent tests on another exciting product: the Lucan Secure-E-Key. Immune to conventional lock-picking attempts — it takes about half an hour with this lock, whereas a conventional lock can be picked in about 25 seconds — it has also been found reassuringly resistant to attempts to bore into the lock from outside, saw it off at the key entry, or saw off the shackle. It will only open, says the Institute, when a pull of 2.7 tons is applied!

These are a just a few of the products which will be on show at Isratech. It's a trade fair which Israel's minister of industry and trade, Gideon Patt, believes will give visitors "an excellent opportunity to become familiar with all that Israel has to offer in high technology for industry, and at the same time to explore new business, trading, or manufacturing opportunities in the international marketplace."

Israel offers a free trade area agreement with the EEC, high technology and skilled labor, generous incentives for investors, and an active domestic market.

The Buyers Advisory Guide, which will run all through Isratech, offers technical information, visits to enterprises, industrial and research centres, and meetings with manufacturers. A large delegation is attending under auspices of the Province of Ontario.

Hatikva hits sour note in bid for national anthem

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —
The song, Hatikva, which is sung at Zionist and Jewish meetings the world over, is recognized as the official anthem of Zionism. Many believe it is also the anthem of the State of Israel. This is not so, and when Pinchas Goldstein, a Likud member of the Knesset, introduced a bill not long ago to give it formal recognition as the national anthem, he ran into objections.

The proposal stimulated a meeting of Arabs who claimed that the wording of Hatikva, which speaks of a Jewish soul and the 2,000-year longing to be a free people in Zion, fails to take note of the fact that Arabs also live in Israel. They objected to Hatikva and called for a national anthem which would be acceptable to both Arabs and Jews. Jewish leaders of left wing parties agreed with them and decided to fight the proposal with ridicule.

Newsview Magazine noted that this was the first bill ever presented to the Knesset with a musical score in its text. Shulamit Aloni commented, in opposition, that since the exact music score would become part of the law, if adopted, anyone singing it off-key would be technically liable for prosecution for violating that portion of the law which called for punishment of up to a year in jail for "disrespect" of the anthem.

Another Knesset member, also against the proposal, offered an amendment: that Hatikva be played only in F-Sharp Major, to make it more difficult.

The Labor Party members present were united in their opposition. They claimed a law was unnecessary, and would deprive Hatikva of its sponteneous, sentimental aura. Further, it would exacerbate Arab-Jewish relations.

When the vote was taken only 37 of the 120 members of the Knesset were present. Likud members were conspicuous by their absence, and the bill was defeated, 25 to 12. The hope was expressed that some day two composers, a Jew and an Arab working together, would present a truly national anthem which all could sing without reservation.

Did anyone consider that this was not merely an idle debate over a song, but a confrontation with a fundamental question: Is Israel a Jewish state? If so, there could be no objection to Hatikva. And if not, why are Jewish holidays given state status, and why is Hebrew the primary language and why are Jews urged to come here?

It would appear that many of the opponents of the bill, in their eagerness to turn down anything suggested by a Likud member, have committed a major faux pas, and have in effect denied Jewish rights to be in Israel and to establish their state here.

Likud members who failed to be present to support the bill are no less guilty than their Labor colleagues who voted against. Their excuse that they could not imagine that Labor would ever vote against Hatikva does not exempt them from criticism.

There is also another unanswered question. When Goldstein realized that his bill was doomed to failure why did he press ahead with it, placing the Knesset in the humiliating position of voting against its de facto national anthem, whatever the reasons.

Though denied legal status, Hatikva is played in Israel on all state occasions. A quick look into its history is not out of place.

The words were written by a bohemian poet, Galician-born Naphtali Herz Imber, almost 100 years ago. It was not set to music which many believe is taken from Smetana's Moldau, but musicologists have traced it unmistakably to a Sephardi tune for Hallel, published in a volume of Sephardi melodies in 1857, 20 years before Smetana wrote his composition.

Hatikva became popular first among the towns and villages of Palestine at the end of the 19th century and then made its way to Europe where the Zionist masses sang it enthusiastically. It was adopted as the official anthem of the Zionist movement at the Zionist Congress in 1907.

Imber was a non-conformist character. Some have called him the first Hebrew beatnik. He had a weakness for drink, and it is told that he was once unceremoniously thrown out of a Zionist meeting in New York when he became a nuisance. No one knew who he was.

As he was ejected he heard the audience singing the Hatikva and he commented that they could toss him out, but his song remained.

For some time he lived at Dalya-al-Carmel, near Haifa, where he served as secretary to Laurence Oliphant, the Christian Zionist.

He died in New York in 1909, after what was said to have been too much liquid celebration on Simchat Torah. He was hardly the kind of personality to become a national hero, but his song struck a responsive chord.

Since the establishment of Israel, the final words have been changed. "To return to the land of our fathers, the city where David abode," the version generally sung in the Diaspora, became in Israel "to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

If it is any consoloation. it may be recalled that even the blue and white flag, with the 6-pointed star of David, was not adopted until Oct. 28, 1949, more than 17 months after the state had come into existence. Approval was preceded by long and wearying debate.

That flag, unmistakably Jewish, is displayed everywhere in Israel, even in Arab villages, and I have not heard any objection from them on the grounds that it is a "Jewish" symbol. Or perhaps someone has given them an idea now.

BARBRA ENJOYS VISIT

Barbra Streisand during a recent visit to the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv. Streisand met Prime Minister Shamir and other top Israelis while in Israel. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

Synagogue rebuilt six times

Evia Jews can trace back their roots 2,250 years

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

CHALKIS, Greece —

Sixty miles northeast of Athens, on the island of Evia [or Euboea], is a Jewish community that is reputedly the oldest continuously-inhabited one in all of Europe.

It is quite a distinction for the 100 Jews of Chalkis, the capital of this green, pleasant island which has been ruled by the Persians, Thebians, Romans, Crusaders, Venetians, Turks and Nazis.

But Leon Levy, the 48-year-old president of Chalkis Jewry, takes it all in his stride. By now, he is accustomed to the Jewish visitors from abroad who come here to be at one with history.

A merchant, Levy has no idea how long his family has lived in Chalkis, which is also known as Halkida, and has a population of 60,000. But Levy says the Jews here can trace their roots back at least 2,250 years. Local records indicate that Jews were brought to Chalkis as captives of Antiochus, but some scholars believe they arrived as followers of the returning soldiers of Alexander the Great.

Levy, whose family survived the German occupation by going into hiding with Christians, directs a traveler to the town's museum. And there, in an ancient tome, is a record of a conversation between Gaius, a Roman emperor, and Philo of Alexandria, a Jew.

Philo, in reply to a question from Gaius, observes that Jews can be found on "the celebrated islands of Evia, Cyprus and Crete...."

Gaius' exchange with Philo occurred around the time of Christ.

In 1165, Benjamin of Tudela, a noted Jewish wanderer, passed through Chalkis and encountered Jews. From the Middle Ages to the 19th century, Chalkis was often called Little Safad because of the rabbinical sages who studied here.

Chalkis' white-washed synagogue, the foundations of which go back some 1,500 years, has been rebuilt six times. On Good Friday, 1845, a Christian fanatic set fire to the buliding and it was not reconstructed until 1849.

Strangely enough, the walls of the synagogue, on Kotsou St., are embedded with ancient Jewish gravestones. During the Venetian era, the Italian overlords used the Jewish cemetery as something of a quarry to build castle walls.

And when the ruined walls were demolished 23 years ago, the stones were returned to the Jews. They, in turn, placed them into the synagogue walls.

In the cool courtyard of the synagogue is a 12th century mikveh, a very tiny one, and on the far side of the walled enclosure are fragrant lemon and mandarin trees. With Levy's permission, I pluck two bright orange mandarins and down them. On major holidays, when the citrus is blooming, congregants pick them off the boughs and nibble on them.

Chalkis' Jewish communal centre, adjacent to the mini orchard, is small, and replete with framed photographs of Herzl, the Viennese founder of modern political Zionism; Ben-Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister, and three Israeli presidents.

There are also WIZO posters and a glassed-in map of Israel on the wall.

Inside the synagogue, on a white marble slab, are etched three names: Ferdinand de Rothschild, Damaskinos and Gregorious.

Rothschild, of the famous European banking dynasty, berthed his yacht in Chalkis' harbor in the late 19th century. So impressed was he by the durability and unity of the Jews here that he donated money towards the construction of a protective wall around the Jewish cemetery.

Rustic in appearance, the cemetery is filled with tombstones, some of which are extremely old. Beautiful red, yellow and blue wildflowers grow in the high grass, and graceful pines and cypresses abound throughout, forming shady pathways.

Damaskinos, the Greek archbishop during World War II, is honored because he tried — but failed — to stop the deportation of Jews to Poland's death camps.

Gregorious, Chalkis' monsignor when the Germans marched in, is remembered because he hid the Torah scrolls and other religious artifacts in the crypt of a church.

In 1939, two years before the Nazi invasion, Chalkis was home to about 250 Jews.

Unlike the majority of their fellow Jews in Greece, they spoke no Ladino, but only Greek. Having settled in Chalkis centuries in advance of the Inquisition in Spain, the so-called Romaniot Jews of Evia had no knowledge of Ladino, a kind of Sephardic Yiddish which arose in the Iberian Peninsula.

Leon Levy, right, younger brother Minos and father Elias, in front of their shop in Chalkis. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

When the war broke out, Elias Levy, Leon's aged father, owned a drygoods shop — a store which Leon runs today with his brother, Minos (Menachem), who is 40.

Leon Levy was barely out of diapers when Italy invaded Greece, but he knows that the first Greek army officer to fall in battle was Col. Mordechai Frizis, a Jew whose family has lived in Evia for reportedly 13 generations. A marble bust of Frizis stands today in Chalkis' Military Square.

The war was a terrible time for the Jews, yet the Levys were lucky.

At first, Evia and environs were under Italian occupation — a fortuitous stroke of luck because Italy did not harass the Jews, nor attempt to ship them off to concentration camps. Later, the Germans replaced the Italians, and the tragedy began.

"When we learned that the Germans had deported the Jews of Salonika, we escaped to the mountains and found shelter with a priest," recalls Levy.

By war's end, the Levys — parents, brothers and sister — were in Athens, under the assumed name of Papadimitriou. A sympathetic policeman, Levy explains, provided false papers.

All told, the Germans managed to kill two Jews from Chalkis and about 25 from the vicinity, Levy says.

In the wake of the war, 120 Jews emigrated, bound for Israel and the U.S. The Levys remained because they were not as destitute as some of their fellow Jews.

Today, the Jews of Chalkis are "strong economically." Leon Levy himself seems quite prosperous, and his shop at 42 Kriezotou stocks men's and women's garments and rolls of cloth.

Intermarriage is still an unknown phenomenon, and a chazan conducts regular services. On the major holidays, a rabbi from Athens leads the congregation in prayer. A butcher in Athens supplies Chalkis with kosher meat.

Levy, the father of two, says that 10 Jewish students from Chalkis study at university — six in Greece and four in Israel. Asked if they'll return after their graduation, Levy shrugs his shoulders.

However, he is confident that the community's continuity will not be affected by their decisions.

The Jews of Chalkis, he declares, do not intend to disappear — not after 2,250 years.

Cohen calls book "an address to God"

By
SHERYL HALPERN

MONTREAL —

"The publishers don't know how to describe my new book," says Montreal-born poet Leonard Cohen. His Book of Mercy (McClelland and Stewart, 112 pp.) is unusual — not poetry, not quite prose, neither satire nor love song.

The jacket describes it as a collection of "contemporary psalms"; a reviewer found it full of "Bible-inspired images" and beatitudes. It has echoes of the Kabbala in its symbolism, and passages reminiscent of the Amidah, the Selichot services — sources Cohen readily admits using.

It's nothing like Death of a Ladies' Man, Cohen's last book of poetry, published in 1978. In fact, it's a prayerbook. As Cohen says, "I mean it as a prayerbook. It's not meant to be poetry. It's an address to God, specifically . . . very much my prayerbook."

Cohen, 49 years old, does not look the part of a prayerbook writer. Dressed entirely in black — black tie, black shirt, black leather bomber jacket, charcoal-striped suit, gray-streaked black hair slicked back, he looks more like the poet/songwriter he is.

He commutes between Montreal and New York, he says; his new album, Various Positions, will be coming out this fall, and he's off on a European concert tour.

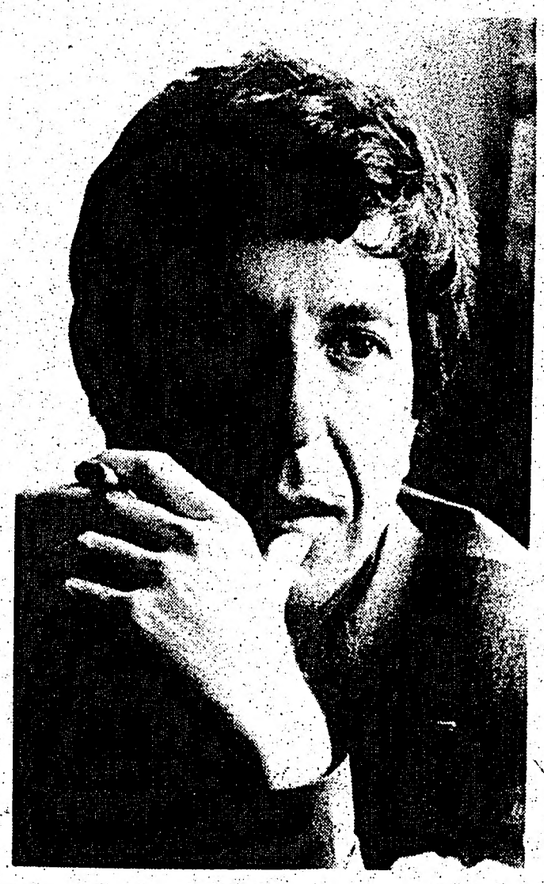
He wasn't planning to write Book of Mercy — or any prayerbook. But, he says, he was inspired: "I wrote the book from a position of trouble. . . . Nobody is going to come to this book unless they're in trouble — incapacitated, or cut down spiritually." The fact that he has "no credentials for prayer" doesn't matter, he says. "Prayer is when you have no credentials.

"Publishing a prayerbook is a curious activity," he adds, "but I wanted to affirm this activity."

His is no standard prayerbook. A collection of 50 short prose pieces, "definitely not poetry," it finds room for politics (Jerusalem of Washington/Jerusalem of Moscow goes one line), and for a mystic sort of sexuality. Among its "givens" are Unbelief ("Though I don't believe in you, I come to you now") and Christianity ("From Abraham to Augustine," another phrase.)

It takes on Isreal — "Israel, and you who call yourself Israel, the Church that calls itself Israel, and the revolt . . . all of you are thieves of holiness."

It takes on "every nation chosen to be a nation" — all nations, the poet claims, have broken their covenant with God. It occasionally refers to "god" and "the name" in lower case.



Leonard Cohen

But, says Cohen, his book is "not apostasy, not atheism, not anti-Zionism."

He finds "most ridiculous" the charge by one critic that his pieces are atheistic: "Asking to have your faith strengthened is in the tradition — 'help thou my understanding.' " Nor is he anti-Zionist, (he feels, in fact, very much a Zionist) though he says he is a Babylonian, and that his particular destiny is to be a Jew in the Diaspora — "Part of our destiny is to be scattered . . . it was not a bad exile in Babylon; they wrote the Talmud there, too."

The book, says the poet, is "the most intimate expression of the heart in a condtion of asking."

That it is a Jewish expression is clear from the symbol he designed for the cover — two hearts intertwined to form a Star of David. But it is also "a journey of sorts." The prayers from a personal spiritual log of the journey from negation and disbelief to affirmation and belief — "in the devotional tradition."

The first prayer begins "I stopped to listen, but he didn't come;" the last proclaims, "I lost my way. I forgot to call on your name. But you are here. You have always been here . . . Blessed is the one who waits in the traveler's heart for the turning."

In between these are short kabbalistic-sounding parables — about an ape, or an "angel of song," or two scholars . . . and prayers that are indeed "squarely in the tradition."

Prayer 10 reads like a psalm of David — "You have sweetened your words on my lips . . . Who can tell your glory, who can number your forms...." Prayer 43 rings with kedushas — "Holy is your name, holy is your work, holy are the days that return to you." There's an echo of the Amidah in Prayer 48 — "Awaken me, Lord, from the dream of despair, and let me describe my sin."

Many of Cohen's prayers have a Jewish cast: "My vocabulary happens to be Jewish; God is not Jewish, help is not Jewish." Direct and indirect references to minyans, Rashi, the "fence of the Torah," the Sanhedrin, the "Law shining," to Bathsheba, to King David, to Moses and Mount Morish, are everywhere.

The best of the prayers have a lyric simplicity; the reader forgets, perhaps Cohen forgets, that these are prayers.

There is poignancy to: "Not knowing where to go, I go to you, Not knowing where to turn, I turn to you, Not knowing how to speak, I speak to you," of Prayer 45.

A few, too long to be quoted here, are as incantatory as Cohen's best poetry.

If this book has a flaw, it is that it is too earnest — it needs a bit more in the way of fantasy, or humor, even black humor of poetry. It is topical, it is contemporary — but its best passages are exultant, personal. The Leonard Cohen who wrote "God is alive. Magic is afoot," in Beautiful Losers can still defy the doomsayers, can still declare, "You are with me still.... Even though I have been removed, and my place does not recognize me."

But we need more of that — more incantatory prose, that is, to give bite to the despair — a few more lightning flashes to the moments when faith and hope are found.

Cohen says he believes in the Messiah, the ingathering of the exiles. He also believes — and it is the message of his book — that "there is mercy, there is a response to prayer."

He feels that the heart has to be educated and "circumcised," that it should rule the questioning mind during prayer; the book is the story of such a "circumcision."

And though he sees the search for God as a universal one, it is also, to borrow a phrase from Book of Mercy, "a Jew's business."

Opinion

Rabbi Graubart was held hostage by Russians

By
J. B. SALSBERG

When Rabbi Yehuda Leib Graubart, the father of the late Rabbi David Graubart, who passed away in Chicago recently, came to Toronto in 1920 to assume the spiritual leadership of the considerable (but fractious) Polish Jewish community here he was already an established world figure in traditional Jewish scholarship, in the field of Jewish education and in the area of religious Zionism (Mizrachi).

J. B. Salsberg

In the manner of times past, the senior Rabbi Graubart was known as "der Stashover rav" (the rabbi of Stashov) but, with due respect to the now destroyed Jewish community of that town in Poland, it was not Stashov that bolstered Rabbi Graubart's fame, rather his name and reputation added honor to Stashov. That name, der Stashover rav, remained the designation of Rabbi Y. L. Graubart (despite his long residence in Toronto) in the entire Ashkenazic religious world.

Little wonder that the late reb Itche Meyer Korolnek, himself a native of Stashov and the most dynamic figure in the ranks of Polish Jews in Canada, led the enthusiastic and mounting chorus of those who were determined to bring the Stashover rav to Toronto. Nor is it surprising that the erudite Rabbi Nachman Shemen (the present director of the Orthodox Division of CJC in Ontario), though ordained prior to coming to Canada, proudly proclaims himself as a "pupil" and devoted friend of his master, the Stashover rav.

What can also be added is that Shemen was the confidant of the Stashover rav during his life in Toronto and it was the same Nachman Shemen who was the one that the family of the late Rabbi David Graubart communicated with to invite him to attend the funeral of his master's son and his own lifelong friend.

All oldtimers were aware of it and it may be essential and certainly helpful for the younger generation to also become acquainted with an extremely meaningful period of the Stashover rav's life.

It happened during World War I. The anti-semitic czarist regime knew quite well that it could not count on willing support from the Jews and the peoples of the occupied and oppressed nations in its brutal grasp. To prevent any collaboration with the kaiser's German armies, the czar's agents forcibly removed the most prominent members of its oppressed minorities and took them as hostages to Moscow [or St. Petersburg] where they were kept as security against the "misbehavior" of the minority peoples. Rabbi Yehuda Leib Graubart, was one such hostage for three years, until the outbreak of the Russian revolution.

But so well known was Graubart that Rabbi Jacob Mazeh, the then Chief Rabbi of Moscow, drew Graubart to his side and the renowned rabbinic hostage from Poland became involved in all areas of traditional Jewish life during the last days of czarist rule and during the first period of Bolshevik rule. It is amazing to note (in Graubart's own memoirs) how many educational institutions he helped establish in those stormy years and to come across a detailed listing of funds he helped raise for each of those institutions.

It was Graubart who accompanied Mazeh in the delegation that met with Diamandshtein, the first head of the "Yevsektzyeh" (Jewish section of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union), arguing against the regulations that forbade the study of Hebrew in the official Jewish schools. Diamandshtein, who was later liquidated on charges of Jewish "chauvinism" explained why that regulation would stand and assured the deputation that Yiddish would continue to be taught. Alas, not only Hebrew but Yiddish, too, was ultimately suppressed.

Many years later I came to Moscow on my second visit to that city in search of an explanation for the disappearance of practically all Jewish institutions and publications. I was an official guest of the Soviet Communist Party in view of my political standing in Canada. All my interviews and visits were, therefore, officially arranged. One of the persons I wished to meet was the late Rabbi Schliffer, the official rabbi of Moscow. My hosts agreed and the meeting, in the Moscow synagogue, was arranged.

Rabbi Schliffer, whose positive role in the circumstances of the Soviet Union was not sufficiently appreciated by some leading people in the West, impressed me with his wisdom. He had evidently been properly briefed about me and, though in the presence of a third party, we managed to communicate very well, I assure you.

When I mentioned Toronto, he became most interested in the Graubart family. He had worked with Rabbi Y.L. during the latter's enforced wartime stint in Moscow.

I shared all my knowledge of the Graubart family and told him of my mother's activities in the Eitz Chaim schools and her dedication to the yeshiva that bears the name of Rabbi Graubart.

Schliffer was pleased with my information and he volunteered the news [it was the first semi-official announcement] of the impending establishment of a yeshiva in Moscow.

I then said to him: "My mother is a very wise woman and when I inform her of the yeshiva she will surely ask where — in the absence of elementary and secondary Jewish educational institutions — will you find students for the yeshiva?" Rabbi Schliffer smiled with delight and replied: "Tell your mother that there will be suitable students for the yeshiva, and also tell the members of the Graubart family."

An odd world: Rabbi Graubart talked about in Moscow, where his name and reputation had remained through the years. Odd also that I recall that experience in praise of the late Rabbi David Graubart, who was a proud son of his revered father and, in his own right, an unusual figure in the evolutionary process of religious Jewry. May he rest in peace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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YELLED "FIRE!" IN ALBERTA

Congratulations to Alberta education minister David King for revoking the teaching certificate of that bigot, Jim Keegstra (CJN, April 19).

In the same way that freedom of speech does not allow a man to yell "Fire!" in a crowded theatre, so the freedom of speech principle should not allow a man to disseminate anti-semitic theories in a public school.

J. S. Zarek
Toronto

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ETHICS IN GULF WAR

It is good to hear that the conventional wisdom among Israeli politicians on the Iran-Iraq war is now being challenged by the likes of Abba Eban and Mark Heller April 26, "Israel keeps wary on Gulf War").

The idea that such a murderous war can be in the interests of the people of Israel is an ethical anathema which flies in the face of any Jewish concern with social justice.

It is not in our interest to have large numbers of people die for the sake of a virulent nationalism used to prop up repressive leaders. Just because two enemy states of Israel are fighting does not mean we must support the continuation of the mutual slaughter which defines that war.

On the contrary, we should advocate a speedy end to the war and continue to work for the relaxation of tensions in the Middle East, this being a necessary condition to the furtherance of peace. That may seem like a platitude, but in the case of the Gulf War, this point of view is contentious vis-a-vis Israeli politics.

Shloime Perel
Montreal

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RED HOT MAMA TUCKER

You published a photo not long ago of Fanny Brice and a reader's claim that Fanny was the first Jewish lady of vaudeville on Broadway.

Wrong. The first was Sophie Tucker, the "last of the red hot mamas." In 1915, she was topping the bill at the Palace Theatre, belting out My Yiddish Momma and Some Of These Days.

She was a great lady, too. Before she died in 1966, Sophie (born Kalish in Russia), had distributed millions of dollars to Jewish charities via her Sophie Tucker Foundation.

Sophie Tucker in eye-catching hat.

Let's salute the first and last of the red hot mamas.

Isaac Cohen
Toronto

Editor's note: Glad to — we hope you like the accompanying rare early photo of her.

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FLORIDA FAKE? FEH!

Please pass along my friendly objection to J. B. Salsberg's column a while ago on Florida life being "artificial and unnatural."

In a few words, my response is: Feh! Nit shain!

Tell me, Colleague Salsberg, is it so unnatural to flee the desperate, life-endangering conditions of New York, or Detroit, or even the safer cities of Canada, where older people dread to tread after dark?

Sol Lubitsch
Montreal

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NICARAGUA ANTI-SEMITIC?

Your April 5 headline, Nicaragua denies charges by ADL," reflects a normal and expected response from a government whose anti-semitic actions were exposed to public view in the world press by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

What is surprising, and also disturbing, is the attempted denial of Sandinist anti-semitism by an official of the American Jewish Committee, Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum.

Tanenbaum, according to Sheldon Kirshner's article, admits that the "Sandinista guerrillas did commit anti-semitic acts," but excuses them as "a function of their acquired anti-Zionism."

This exercise in language is meaningless to Nicaraguan Jews who have personally experienced and suffered the consequences of Sandinist anti-semitism.

Isaac Stavisky, a member of the Nicaraguan Jewish community in exile, offered direct testimony about Sandinist anti-semitism at a White House briefing in July, 1983.

He told about nocturnal phone calls, during an 18-month period prior to July, 1979, threatening his life and that of his partner.

Graffiti on his factories' walls declared, "Death to the Jews; Isaac will be killed. Beware of Sandinistas justice."

Stavisky, who said that "dry runs of abduction attempts were made," described the fire-bombing of the synagogue by Sandinistas as "a strong message to the entire Jewish community" which sent fear through the hearts of Nicaraguan Jews.

Jacobo Timerman has commented upon the tendency of Jews "to leave one hour after Auschwitz." The Nicaraguan Jews, historically attuned, did not fit that pattern. "The Sandinistas threatened to take our property," said Stavisky, "and they did. They threatened to take our lives and for that reason we left."

Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal
Anti-Defamation League
New York

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MITZVAH MOBILES AID KIDS

Thank you for Frank Rasky's March 22 article headed, "Mitzvah Mobiles keep kids happy."

What a marvelous idea for a gift! I'm always trying to think of an original present for a newborn or child's birthday. Mitzvah Mobiles seem like the perfect gift to please . . . attractive, educational, colorful and Jewish!

As a registered nurse who has worked in pediatrics, I can't stress enough the importance of early sensory stimulation and it's importance on future growth and development.

Rita Rabocz
Toronto

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FEMINISM AND RABBIS

In the spirit of Rabbi's Burak's column of March 22 on disagreeing gracefully, I would like to comment on the continuing controversy surrounding the ordination of women.

As much as I enjoy Rabbi's Burak's sharp comments on halacha, often leavened with wit and humor, his arguments against the ordination of women leave me cold. Jewish history is filled with instances of religious disagreements, each side justifying its stand by its interpretation of Torah.

A more telling case against ordination of women can sometimes be found in the women themselves. In a talk given by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, reported in the March 22 CJN, she said: "Our image of God is shaped by our image of the rabbi as male . . . the paternal, older, father figure . . . I have yet to hear of queen, mother, nurturer, supporter, lover. . . . When we speak of God only in the masculine terms, we loss the feeling that there is a reality which is both male and female."

If Rabbi Goldstein really believes what she says, she should not be a rabbi. We speak of God in the masculine because that is the language of religion, which as anyone knows, transcends gender.

Only someone blinded by trendy feminist ideology could think to question this hallowed tradition.

Her use of the words, "nurturer, supporter, lover," which are offered up by feminists who want to put down men, reveal that she has been infected by this misguided phenomenon.

It is obvious that these women have more interest in feminism than they do in being servants of their respective religions.

I must point out, however, that Rabbi Burak's insights into Torah can be used against him. For, is it not possible that, just as the grandchildren of those who disagree with him may one day learn Torah in yeshivas, his own grandchildren, or theirs, will one day be women rabbis? Let us hope that by then they will have their priorities straightened out.

Jo Ann Gardner
Cape Breton, NS

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BRIDEGROOMS AND RABBIS

Rabbi M. Burak's March 29 column explaining why some bridegrooms give halachic discourses was indeed "at its simplest level."

The previous Lubavitch Rebbe prior to the recital of the ma'mar [discourse] said, "It is well known that the ancestors of the newly-wed couple descend from the world of truth and attend the marriage celebration.

"The souls of the ancestors from three generations back attend all Jewish weddings and there are some weddings at which those of even further removed generations are present.

"In the way of an invitation to the souls of the tzaddikim, our holy fathers and rebbeim who will come to the wedding and bless the couple, we will now say a chassidic discourse."

Rabbi C. Bulua
Montreal

"We paid a very heavy price"

Solemn ceremony remembers Israel's war dead

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Israel's war dead were remembered and its independence celebrated during a day-long program marking Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

The Remembrance Day commemoration began Sunday morning, May 6, at the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch, as approximately 70 people marched silently to nearby Earl Bales Park. There they were joined by those unable to participate in the march for a solemn ceremony led by Cantor Louis Danto and members of the Jewish Students' Network.

After the Israeli flag was lowered to half-mast and the ceremonial torch was lit, Israel's consul-general, Gideon Saguy, called on the audience to remember all those who died in Israel's wars.

"Let's try together in the Middle East to give Shalom its meaning, so we no longer have to fight wars," Saguy said at the outdoor ceremony, attended by more than 500.

He reminded his listeners that nothing was ever given to the Jewish people on a silver platter, recalling the War of Independence in 1948, theSuez campaign in 1956, the Six Day War in 1967, the Yom Kippur War in 1973 and the recent war in Lebanon.

"We paid a very heavy price," he said. "When we people of Israel look back on those days, it seems like a miracle," Saguy added.

Saguy was joined by Mayor Mel Lastman of North York who read a scroll, in English and in Hebrew, proclaiming that Metro's Jewish community remembers all those who died in battle for Israel.

Bemedaled members of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada lead the silent march in commemoration of all those who have died in Israel's defence. [Graphic Artists photo]

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada participated by "hoisting the colors" in tribute to their fallen brothers in Israel.

The commemoration continued Sunday evening at a Remembrance Day service at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

After the color guard marched in, Sam Pasternack from the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, expressed his thanks for allowing the Canadian veterans to take part in the ceremonies and urged everyone not to forget those who died in Israel's many wars, for "if we permit their names to be forgotten, they will truly have died in vain."

Melech Halberstadt, president of the Canadian Zionist federation, Central Region, brought greetings along with MP Roland de Corneille, MPP David Rotenberg and Israeli consul-general Saguy.

Halberstadt said that as Zionists "we should all be pleased to rejoice in Israel's many accomplishments over the past 36 years" and, referring to the upcoming election in Israel, said that Israel was entering a crucial year.

De Corneille brought greetings from Prime Minister Trudeau and the federal government and praised Israel for setting a world standard for dealing with terrorists.

Rotenberg brought greetings from Ontario Premier William Davis and expressed the hope that no more sons and daughters will have to give their lives for Israel.

A candlelighting ceremony was held with representatives from Canadian Zionist youth groups taking part.

In his address, Rabbi Henry Hoschander, from the Shaarei Shomayim, discussed how sacrifice and Jewish history go hand in hand.

He said that the Jewish people have failed to make the Gentile world understand the true nature and relationship Israel has with all Jews.

"We love Israel in a form no other people loves their land," he said. "When anyone threatens Israel, they threaten you and me."

The solemn tone of the service soon after turned festive as the "double chai" entertainment program began, marking Israel's 36th anniversary as an independent state.

The program featured Israeli singing star Gadi Elon who delighted the audience with his music and humor. The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto choir, led by Dani Kutner, also took part in the program, which was followed by folkdancing.

Distressed over arson

TORONTO —

The destruction of a Jewish business in North York by arson [CJN April 26] and the anti-semitic signs left behind has "deeply distressed" Lewis Garnsworthy, Anglican Archbishop of Toronto.

In a letter to Rabbi Jordan Pearlson written on the same day as the incident was reported in the media, Archbishop Garnsworthy said:

"Over the recent weekend, when Jewish and Christian people celebrated Passover and Easter, I was deeply distressed to see in the news the destruction of a Jewish business in North York, due to arson — and the anti-semitic signs left behind.

"I want to let you know how angry and distressed many of us are when such instances occur and that we stand in solidarity with you."

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OPEN SUNDAYS

Iran-Iraq conflict seen as threat to Arab world

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The Arab world has never been less united than it is now, according to Ze'ev Shiff, defence editor of the Israeli newspaper, Ha'aretz.

Shiff, an expert on Israeli security says that although the Arabs may be building larger armed forces, they have made no recent joint military efforts.

Shiff was speaking recently at an Israeli breakfast at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The breakfast, in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, was complete with falafel, blue and white streamers and Israeli posters.

Shiff said that the war between Iraq and Iran is weakening the Arab world because of the resources being wasted on the war. "As long as this war continues, the Arabs have no chance of establishing a strong front in the Middle East," he said.

He added that the brightest change this year with regards to the Arab world has been the decline of the PLO. "The PLO has been in a real retreat, and from an Israeli vantage point this is a gain from the war in Lebanon.

He said that whereas the PLO had been known as a "country within a country," in Lebanon this feeling has been destroyed. "The Palestinians no longer have such a base."

He stressed, however, that this has been the only positive change that has taken place in the Middle East this year.

He noted that a negative change is a Syrian surge of strength.

"The Syrian army has had an impressive growth of power and Moscow has been supplying Syria with weapons." Shiff said that this new power has enabled Syria to introduce important weapon strategies into the Middle East.

He pointed out that with the new weapons, Syria is able to hit Israel deep inside for the first time.

Shiff said that behind the scenes, each Arab country is continuing its military build-up and unless there is a political turning point in the peace process, the Arabs may grow confident to challenge Israel again.

Fund raiser planned

TORONTO —

A spring bazaar, featuring canned goods and bridal party gowns at half price or less, will be held by the Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association [AHSPA] May 27 at Woodbine Arena [2975 Don Mills Rd., north of Sheppard Ave.].

This first-time venture is being undertaken to raise funds to purchase books and equipment for the school libraries, plus supplies to enhance the educational program.

One of the features of the bazaar will be a "budget supermarket" of bargain-price canned goods.

During the week before Pesach, students held a "class cans-collecting contest" with classes competing to bring in the largest number of canned goods for the Bazaar.

The winning class received a free Mati's pizza lunch.

Over 3,000 cans were collected and will be sold at the bazaar.

A "bridal boutique" will also be featured. A new bridal gown, plus assorted new bridal party gowns and cocktail dresses, will be sold at prices ranging from $25 to $50.

Shoppers will also find bargains in good used merchandise, which includes baby furniture and equipment, clothing, skates, toys and games.

Admission is $1, and children are admitted free. A 14-inch color TV is being raffled as a door prize. Refreshments will be sold.

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ORT BAZAAR

First prize at the ORT Bazaar, Wednesday May 23, in the St. Lawrence Market, (Front and Jarvis), 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., is $1,000! Second prize is a 14-inch color TV. Specials include comforters and sleeping bags, new books and records, crafts, new and gently used clothing, children's clothing, housewares, cosmetics, jewelry, home cooked foods, restaurant and - unisex haircuts. Admission is $1, and seniors will be admitted free after 3 p.m. Proceeds to children's education.

GALICIANER CELEBRATION

Yom Ha'atzmaut will be celebrated by the Galicianer Association of Toronto on Sunday, May 27 at the B'nai B'rith building, 15 Hove St., (Bathurst and Sheppard area), starting at 7.30 p.m. Consul-General of Israel, **Gideon Saguy**, will accept a check on behalf of Tel Hashomer Hospital.

Dance to the music of the Morris Turk orchestra and enjoy a hot buffet. Cover charge is $18 per couple, with all proceeds to the Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel. For more information call **E. Kohl**, 783-3740.

HABONIM LZY REUNION

Were you ever a member of the Habonim Labor Zionist Movement of Canada and the United States? Did you attend one of its summer camps or participate in its workshop program in Israel? The organization is planning a reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its founding, and invites all those who were a part of Habonim and would like to participate, to establish contact with Habonim Dror North America, 50th Anniversary Committee, 27 W. 20th St., 9th floor, New York, NY, 10011, phone (212) 255-1796.

LUPUS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speakers at the annual meeting of the Ontario Lupus Association, to take place Sunday, May 27 at 2 p.m. in George Brown College, Casa Loma Campus, Davenport Rd. and Kendal Ave., are opthalmologist **Dr. Michael Easterbrook** and nutritionist, **Jennifer Kennedy**. Come prepared to discuss any problems you have in the areas of eye care and diet.

The meeting is open to the public and admission is free. There is free parking behind the college. For further details phone the Arthritis Society, 967-1414.

BOOKS FOR BABIES

Find Out About Books For Babies, is a course for parents, parents-to-be and anyone who works with babies, which discusses books, songs, fingerplays, and games for children from birth to age 2. It will be offered at Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. East (west of Don Mills Rd.), Tuesdays, May 29 and June 5, from 7-8 p.m. Admission is free but please register in advance. For further information phone 494-6923.

NEW FRATERNAL JEWISH ASSOCIATION

The New Fraternal Jewish Association invites you to hear **Itche Goldberg**, professor of Yiddish studies, Queen's College, New York, and editor of Yiddish Kultur, who will speak on The Wise Laughter of Sholem Aleichem (marking the 125th anniversary of the author's birth). Prof Goldberg will lecture in English, Monday, May 21, 8.30 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Place, suite 107 (Wilmington Plaza). Admission is free.

BIALIK PRESENTS ROBERT MERRILL

Bialik Hebrew Day School presents **Robert Merrill** in an evening of Song and Comedy, Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m. at Massey Hall, for one concert only. All seats are reserved and tickets are $20, $16, $12 and $8. There is a $2 discount for seniors and students (with ID.). To order, call: Massey Hall box office, 363-7301, Bialik Hebrew Day School, 783-3346, or all Bass outlets, 698-2277. This is a fundraising event for the school.

MARINE MODEL FAIR

Learn about Toronto's waterfront at a sesquicentennial Marine Model Fair, May 19, 9.30 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Marine Museum, Stanley Barracks, Exhibition Place. See models through the years, assembled and painted by students ages 9 - 16 years, as well as 3-dimensional displays of Toronto waterfront buildings such as lighthouses, and other local structures. Awards for the models will be presented at 2 p.m.

BAYCREST CONCERT

Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St., features pianist-soloist **Lola Julitta Kane** and the Happy Hearts Musical Group with singers **Fanny Brass, Anna Farber** and **Sylvia Gold**, in a concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22 in the 2nd floor Posluns Auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

READING PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Forest Manor Public School at Don Mills and Sheppard needs volunteers of all ages to assist in a reading program. If you enjoy reading, relate well with 8- to 12-year-old children and can volunteer one afternoon weekly, training will be provided as you assist one child in this program. If interested, call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH SERIES

The Shaarei Tefillah Congregation adult education spring series, Seminar in Contemporary Jewish Issues, continues on Tuesday, May 22 with Modern State of Israel — Dream or Delusion? Speaker is **Rabbi Shlomo Riskin**, formerly of Lincoln Square Synagogue, who is presently involved in building a city 12 miles from Jerusalem to accommodate 25,000 people. This lecture, to be given at 8 p.m. in the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., is co-sponsored by Shaarei Tefillah, Mizrachi of Canada and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GATHERING

Bergen-Belsen Survivors Association of Toronto invites all survivors of concentration camps as well as other interested persons, to an annual Memorial Gathering in tribute to the six million martyrs and victims of the Holocaust. It will be held Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m., at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. **Rabbi Irwin Witty** will speak in both English and Yiddish, and **Jennie Eisenstein** will offer a selection of ghetto songs.

RUN FOR RESEARCH

Help keep disease on the run, and join the third annual Sunnybrook Medical Centre Run for Research on May 26, to raise funds for medical research at the hospital.

The last two runs raised over $250,000 for medical studies into the causes and cures of cancer, diseases of the aging and trauma (multiple injuries).

Sunnybrook services 570 war veteran in patients as well as 620 acute care patients. Specialty services include Ontario's only regional trauma unit, the Ontario Cancer Foundation's Toronto-Bayview clinic, an acute spinal cord injury unit, an acute stroke unit, the Sunnybrook aids-for-living centre — a complete aids centre for the disabled — and much more.

The run starts at 9 a.m. on the grounds of Sunnybrook Medical Centre, 2075 Bayview Ave., and finishes at the same location. To inquire further, contact the run hotline, 480-4827.

NCJW RUMMAGE SALE

A giant rummage sale sponsored by Aviva Branch, National Council of Jewish Women, is set for Sunday, May 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Proceeds are for community services.

LIBRARY ART EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibitions at North York public libraries through the month of May include the following: Photographs by **Mindy Bernstein** at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr., Tuesday to Friday, 12.30 to 8.30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Heritage Prints by **Saul Field** at Fairview Library, Monday from 12.30 to 8.30 p.m., Tuesday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fairview Library is at 35 Fairview Mall Dr; Photographs by **Stu Freedman** at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St., Tuesday and Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HADASSAH-WIZO BOUTIQUE DAY

Antiques, gift items, flowers, jewelry and more, will be offered for sale when Israeli Chapter, Hadassah-WIZO schedules its Day of Boutiques at Market Square, Wednesday, May 23 from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will also be a special draw for a long strand of fresh water pearls. Tickets are $10 at the door, or may be obtained by calling 481-2317.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

Earl Bales Community Centre at Sheppard and Bathurst still has a few openings for two Tiny Tots programs starting in September. For additional information call **Karen Fabian**, 635-5815.

PIONEER WOMEN DANCE

Swing into spring with Pioneer Women, Kalanit Chapter's Victoria Weekend Dance at Le Club, Inn on the Park, Monday, May 21, 8 p.m. Tickets are $5 in advance, $6 at the door. All proceeds go to Adopt-A-Child. For advance tickets call the Pioneer Women's office, 636-5425.

JF&CS SEEKS VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is urgently needed to relieve a foster mother, tending a 3-month-old baby requiring special care. The volunteer needs to have a nursing background and be prepared to give a minimum of three hours per week. If you can help, please contact **Shirley Worth**, volunteer coordinator, Jewish Family & Child Services, 638-7800, local 254.

JUST A SECOND SHOP

Just a Second Shop, a gently used clothing outlet, under the auspices of Jewish Family & Child Service in co-operation with B'nai B'rith and Forest Hill Lions, thanks the community for the many contributions arriving at the store, 3420 Bathurst St. To better handle this response, donations will now be accepted Tuesdays 9 - 5 and Thursdays, 11 - 8. For more information phone 789-9680.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS 45 +

Beth Sholom Widows and Widowers 45 + are planning an outing to the St. Lawrence Theatre to see The Aching Heart of Samuel Kleinerman. This production by **Marion Andre** is set in 1936 and revolves around the issues which a German-Jewish family must face in deciding to leave Nazi Germany.

Tickets are $11 non-refundable. Call **Maureen Feder** at 783-6103 for more information.

FLEA MARKET AND RUMMAGE SALE

A giant Flea Market and Rummage Sale takes place at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yoemans Rd., sponsored by the Sisterhood on the holiday Monday, May 21 at 9 a.m. There will be a sale of books as well as household items.

GAON AND SHEMER IN CONCERT

Reserve early for June 13 at 8 p.m. when **Yehoram Gaon** and **Naomi Shemer**, two of Israel's most popular recording artists will appear in concert at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Yehoram Gaon has nearly 30 albums to his credit, ranging through ballads, folk music, show tunes and jazz. He is an actor too, and his most recent role was as Yonatan Netanyahu in Menachem Golan's Operation Thunderbolt, an account of the Entebbe raid.

Naomi Shemer, Israel's foremost songwriter, is the composer of such songs as Jerusalem of Gold, Lu Y'hi and Al Kol Eileh.

Tickets are $18, $15 and $12,50, available at Israel's the Judaica Centre, 973 Eglinton Ave. W; Negev Book and Gift Store, 3509 Bathurst St; and Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W.

SELF-HELP WIDOWERS PROGRAM

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Program provides emotional support for the recently bereaved. Through one to one contact with another widower, and/or twice monthly group meetings, you may share experiences and learn to adjust to a new lifestyle.

The Wagman Centre coordinator **Gordon Zaretsky**, will extend a warm welcome at the group meetings every second Thursday 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre. Next meeting is Thursday, May 24.

This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to men over 55 years of age, widowed less than two years. Wagman Centre membership is not required. Call 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

YIDDISH LECTURE

The Yiddish Culture Council will have a lecture in Yiddish by **Itche Goldberg**, professor of Yiddish Language and Literature at Queen's College, New York, on Sunday, May 20, 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. West. Goldberg will investigate the topic, Thus It Began (The Roots of Yiddish Literature In America).

HAMILTON PIONEER WOMEN NA'AMAT

Hamilton Pioneer Women meet next on Wednesday, May 23, 8 p.m. at Denee Florists Garden Centre, York Ave. and Olympic Dr., Dundas. There will be a tour and instructions on spring and summer garden planting and care.

Following the tour, everyone will gather for coffee at the home of **Trish Eppel**, 43 Forestview Dr., Dundas.

For additional information call **Shifra**, 523-7805, in Burlington.

HADASSAH BOOK BAZAAR

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO announces the second annual Book Bazaar on Monday, May 21, at St. Lawrence Market, north building, 92 Front St. East, at Jarvis St., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. **Phyllis Flatt**, chairman, says that thousands of new and second hand books have been donated. Records, magazines, children's books, posters, comic books and collectors' items will also be for sale.

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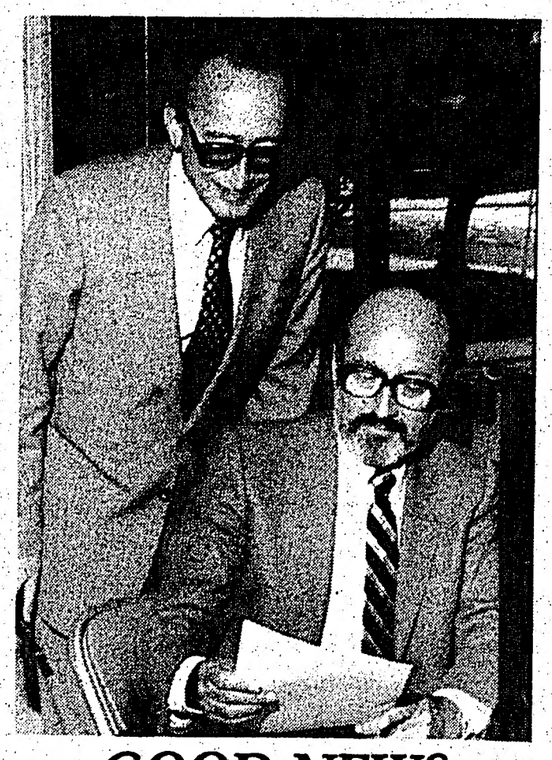

GOOD NEWS

Sam Crystal [standing] and Donald Carr, newly elected secretary and honorary counsel, respectively, of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, are cheered by the list of members of the Lou Ronson tribute committee. The university will establish the Hilde and Lou Ronson Foundation for Overseas Students at a dinner honoring Ronson June 18 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. [Gadi Hoz photo]

CONGRATULATIONS

Moishe Pizel, member of Toronto branch 702 of the Farband, and an active member of the Histadrut campaign, is seen here presenting student scholarships at a graduation ceremony for Amal regional trade schools in the Vaad Hapoel building, Tel Aviv. Looking on is Uri Agami, director of the Amal schools in Israel.

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Admission is free: Refreshments will be available. Proceeds from the sale will go to Youth Aliyah.

KOMEDY KABARET

Aterret Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO presents a Yuk-Yuk Komedy Kabaret Sunday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Ave. Tickets are $12.50 per person including refreshments. For more information and/or tickets, call 731-4960.

HOST FOREIGN STUDENTS

Interculture Canada is looking for families in Toronto and region to host foreign students for the coming school year, 1984-85. Each visiting student is between the age of 15 and 18 and lives as a member of a family while attending classes at a local high school.

Although many host families have children of high school age, families with young children are eligible and are encouraged to apply. Special expenditures are not expected but host families do pay food costs and incidental expenses which they would pay for their own child.

Interculture Canada extends medical coverage and issues a monthly allowance. For further information call **Lise** in Montreal, (514) 288-3282.

BARBRA SCHLIFER CAMPAIGN

One woman - one dollar, is the amount asked in a citywide campaign for the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic for Victims of Violence. With this small contribution from women, the clinic will be able to open. Donations can be made at the Royal Bank of Canada or through the Barbra Schlifer Clinic, 330 Dupont St., 3rd floor, Toronto, M5R 1V9.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Here is a revised list of programming for Shalom Village in the latter part of May.

Thursday, May 24 (changed from May 23) — **Dr. M. Davidson**, professor of genetics at McMaster University, will be special guest for the evening, at 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 27 — Official opening of the new lower level of Shalom Village from 2-4 p.m. The opening will be preceded by the annual meeting.

Tuesday, May 29 — Weather permitting, an outing to the lilac dell of the Royal Botanical Gardens at 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30, the entertainment originally scheduled for 2 p.m. will be cancelled since the children from the Jewish Centre will be unable to attend. However, **Gloria Silverman** of Beth Jacob Synagogue will speak on Jewish culture at this time.

MEAL ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS

Lyndhurst Hospital for the rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injury or disease urgently needs volunteers for its meal-assistance program Monday through Sunday. Volunteers could assist patients morning, noon or over the dinner hour. In addition, volunteer visitors are needed on the weekend.

Training and support are provided for people who could spare a few hours each week to befriend a disabled person. For more information please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

NCSY UPDATE

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth), continues its free Jewish high school classes every Tuesday evening from 7.30 until 9.30. A guest speaker is featured every week. Classes are open to students in grades 9 - 13. Refreshments follow. For more details call the NCSY office, 782-3117.

NCSY ends its programming year with a bang! Super Spectacular Sunday is in store for you. The bus leaves Shaarei Tefillah parking lot at noon sharp en route to Pleasure Valley recreation area for seven hours of non-stop fun, featuring roller skating, horseback riding and a water slide, followed by a closing banquet. Price for this gala day is $19.95 all-inclusive. This is open to students from grade 8 - 13. For more information please call the NCSY office, 782-3117, or 782-7052. Space is limited so reserve early.

FUN FAIR

Bring the family to a Lag Ba'omer Outdoor Fun Fair on Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill.

There will be activities for all ages — merry-go-round, rocket ride, moonwalk, pony rides, farm animal feeding and petting, carnival games and booths, lunch and snacks. And, there will be an indoor video show.

Admission is free. Tickets may be purchased at the fair for rides and games.

In the event of bad weather, which is not anticipated, an alternate indoor program will be organized.

singles

Beth Tikvah CHAI presents a CHAI exclusive, The Art and Science of Flirting, with Skills Exchange star **Robert Kubiak**, an acknowledged expert in and out of the field! Flirting is a skill which can be learned. Don't miss this opportunity to acquire the basics.

Jewish Union Book Club (25-45) will meet to discuss and review the book, When Bad Things Happen To Good People, by **Rabbi Harold Kushner**, on Sunday, May 27 at 1.30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For further details call **Jerry**, 787-4352, from 7 - 10 p.m.

Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents group looks forward to a D&M (Discussion and Mingle) Wednesday, May 23 at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith foyer of the temple. Personnel psychologist **Jacob Weisenthal** will consider the question, Is There A Conflict Between Jewish Values and Modern Secular Values? Admission is $2 members, $3 non-members. For more information call **Elliott**, 638-3548 after 6 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled for May 9, but has been rescheduled for May 23.

Smart Singles (21-39) invites you to Earl Bales Park Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard) Sunday, May 20, 8 p.m. for a giant Lag Ba'omer Happening. Toronto rabbi and author **Meir Gottesman** will explain How To Find Love — Quick! There will also be a surprise sing-a-long; bring your own musical instrument. Refreshments. Door prizes. Donation, $4. To inquire further call 782-7075.

Re-Connect, a life skills support group for recently separated and divorced Jewish women begins six Tuesday evening sessions May 22 through June 26; $15. non-refundable. Call Jewish Singles Project Connect 731-4600 for more information (mornings).

Getting On With Your Life, a social/life skills/networking group for separated, divorced and widowed Jewish men and women will begin five Tuesday evening sessions May 29 through June 26; $15. non-refundable. Facilitators are **Sally Kerbel** and **Linda Somers**. For more information call Jewish **Singles Project Connect** mornings, 731-4600.

North-East Jewish Single Parents group looks forward to a relaxing evening of Mix and Mingle at an Open House on Saturday, May 19 at 8.30 p.m. Fee is $3 for members and $5/non-members. For information call **Susan Levine** at the NE office, 889-0813. (This Open House replaces the cancelled June 2 one)... On Sunday, May 20, there will be a Yom Ha'atzmaut Family Celebration from 2 - 4 p.m. at Seneca Village Community Centre, 1700 Finch Ave. East. Crafts, games and special entertainment plus a birthday cake, will all be part of the fun. Fee is $1 for members, $2 non-members. Call Susan Levine for information.

A **Jewish Singles** party is planned for 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Diamond Club, 410 Sherbourne St., (north of College). Come early to avoid lineups. Admission is $5.

Toronto Jewish Singles (Solelim, Holy Blossom and NE Single/Single Parents) will play co-ed slow pitch softball every Sunday at 1 p.m. in Clanton Park, 10 Palm Drive, (one block south of York Downs, west off Bathurst). Bring any equipment you have. No baseball experience is necessary. Contact **Harold** at 635-0446, evenings, for more details.

Join **Solelim (20-35)** for a picnic outing to Kleinburg. Meet at Temple Sinai, 11.30 a.m. Pack a lunch. Carpooling will be available. The group wlil visit Kortright Conservation Centre (admission $2) and the McMichael Canadian Collection ($2.50 admission), as well as the village of Kleinburg. And, Solelim invites you to 10-pin bowling every Monday night, beginning May 21, at Bathurst Bowlerama, Bathurst and Glencairn. Register at 7.45, bowl at 8 o'clock.,

On Monday, May 28, **Judea Lodge** invites you to its Original Singles Party, to celebrate its first anniversary of sponsoring successful Singles fund raising dances, in Le Club, at the Inn on the Park. This is for the 22-37 age group, and the party starts at 8 p.m. Lucky prize is a $75 gift certificate from a major department store.

For the age 22 and over set, a Singles Bash is slated at Jacqui's Disco in the Toronto Harbour Castle Hilton, One Harbour Sq. (near the intersection of Queen's Quay and the foot of Yonge St.), Monday, May 21 at 7.30 p.m. Cover charge is $3. Door prize will be a stereo walkman, valued at $100.

The **JCC Singles 40+** Coffee House is closed for Victoria Day, Monday, May 21. Next gathering will be on Monday, May 28, featuring a program for Yom Yerushalayim.

JCC Singles (25-35) invite you to a great dance, interesting conversation and a good time at Partners Restaurant, 4985 Yonge St. (north of Sheppard) on Tuesday, May 22 at 8 p.m. Admission is $4. To inquire further, phone **Ruth Goodman**, 636-1880, ext. 239, any Wednesday.

Super Singles Soiree, complete with dinner, dance, disc jockey and door prizes, is set for Saturday evening, May 26 at the Sheraton Centre. Call 731-4600 mornings for information. RSVP a must by May 22.

On Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m., a lecture entitled Sex and the Single Parent will be given in the main loung of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. No admission charge. Contact **Mark Egan**, 924-6211, for additional information.

BLACK-TIE AFFAIR

Jack Hauer, president of the Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, with dinner co-chairperson Lorraine Elkind and outgoing president, Dr. Charles Gold [right], at recent black-tie dinner in support of the Hebrew University, held at the Four Seasons Hotel. Entertainer was Sammy Davis Jr.

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Canadian Jewish artists who would like to exhibit their works at the Bloor JCC in mid June should contact **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 for a screening and interview ... On Thursday, May 31 at 7 p.m., a lecture on Sex and the Single Parent will be given in the main lounge of the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. There is no admission charge. Contact Mark for more information ... Newcomers are welcome, to join an ongoing Stroke Recovery program on Wednesdays from 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. To inquire further, call Mark.

The northern branch, physical education department of the JCC presents a free track clinic on marathon running, Thursday, May 17, 7.30 - 9 p.m. Featured speakers will be **Dr. Alan Lustig, Elaine Dembe** and **Stuart Dolbel**. Everyone is welcome from novice to experienced runner. For more details phone **Eva Karpati**, 636-1880, local 235.

The PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts is pleased to repeat a successful Magic Course for Beginners, taught by **Marvin Somers**. It begins on Thursday, May 17, 8 - 9.30 p.m. and will run four weeks at the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Fee is $20 for JCC members, $25 for non-members. For additional information call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

for seniors

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club +50 welcomes everyone to a Dance Baroque lecture performance by **Elaine Biagi Turner** and **Karen Belyea**, in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., at 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22. Refreshments and coffee will be served. Non-members of the club, $1.50.

The Association of Jewish Seniors will hold its 13th annual conference on Wednesday, May 23, and Thursday, May 24, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. This year's theme is, 1984: Aging in the Nuclear Age.

Opening ceremonies are at 8 p.m., May 23, to be followed by refreshments and dancing tc the Maurice Turk orchestra. May 24th activities will include guest speakers, lunch and a draw for a door prize. The fee is $10. Advance registration is being accepted at Co-ordinated Service to the Jewish Elderly, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living and the Good Age Lounge of the JCC.

For more information call **Fran Chodak**, 635-2860.

Beth Emeth Friendship Club invites you to a general meeting on Sunday, May 20 at the shul, 100 Elder St., at 1.30 p.m. Come and listen to the music of singer **Fern Dworkin** and pianist **Paul Matthews**. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. And, come in and visit the newly-opened Drop-In Centre at the synagogue. Hours are Monday to Wednesday, 1 - 4 p.m. For information, call **Karl Pasternak**, 633-2997, or 633-7163.

Club Chaverim welcomes all senior adults in the community tc its programs, held every Monday at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is 50¢ for members, 75¢ for non-members. Morning activities include oil painting, beginners bridge, English as a second language, and movement to music. Lunch, catered by **Stuart Razin**, is available 12.30 - 1.30. Afternoon programs feature lectures, films, music, games. Refreshments are served just before closing, 3 - 3.30 p.m. To inquire further, call **Rose Shapiro** or **Linda Friedman**, at the North-East branch office of the JCC, 889-0813.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni presents a concert with dramatic soprano **Rose Lovas** and pianist **Lola Julitta Kane** at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Wednesday, May 23 at 1.30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

At the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., newcomers are welcome to join an ongoing Stroke Recovery program on Wednesdays, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Contact **Mark Egan**, 924-6211.

Adath Sholom Jubilee Club invites the community to join in a movie night featuring The Frisco Kid on Thursday, May 17, at 7.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1. ... On Tuesday, May 22, at 7.30 p.m., at the synagogue, the Jubilee Club is featuring a mispocha night, an evening of musical comedy presenting the Beth Am Players in Bagels and Lox. Refreshments will follow. Charge is $2 for members and $2.50 for non-members. Everyone is welcome. For information call the synagogue office at 635-0131.

In its continuing education series, the **Wagman Centre**, in cooperation with Humber College offers a course in Behavioral Psychology. It will be an introduction to basic principles of human behavior, with discussion related to the participants' own experience. Starting date is Wednesday, May 9, 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. in the downstairs volunteer room. This is a 10-session series and continues until July 18. Fee is $7. Enroll at the Wagman Centre desk, 55 Ameer Ave., or call **Tanya Kuchinsky** at 789-5131, ext. 477 ... The Wagman Centre is also offering a 10-week bridge instruction course at beginner's level for members and guests. Instructor is **Leslie Clarke-Gowling**. Starting date is Thursday, May 24, 1 - 4 p.m. Fee is $25 for members and $35 for non-members. Register immediately at the Wagman Centre desk, or call Tanya Kuchinsky.

Here are some of the upcoming Bernard Betel Centre events. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Creative Choir, directed by **Esther Firestone**, will perform at the Wagman Centre on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.

On May 23, at the Betel Centre, on Steeles

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Ave. W., there will be a candlelight concert featuring the Yorkminstrels, at 7 p.m. This event is open to the public and admission is $1. For more information call **Elaine Page**, 225-2112.

A Safety for Seniors Seminar is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 12.30 - 2.30 p.m. in the synagogue. Representatives of the North York fire department, Metropolitan Toronto police department and Letter Carriers Alert, will each present a short discussion on personal safety steps which an individual can take for safer and less fearful daily living. There will be special hints for apartment dwellers and those living alone.

About People

ACCEPTED AS MEMBER

Nathan Benjamin, of the Edward Green Studio, 3377 Bathurst St., has been accepted for membership in Professional Photographers of America Inc., the world's oldest and largest association of professional photographers.

As a member, Benjamin is eligible to take advantage of association benefits and services designed to help photographers improve their technical and business knowledge. These include an annual convention and trade show, monthly issues of the organization's official journal, educational workshops and seminars, business aids and marketing programs, and certification program.

Through these services, Professional Photographers of America hopes to advance the art and image of professional photography, according to Mr. Benjamin.

ICJW ELECTIONS

At the recent International Council of Jewish Women Convention held in Bournemouth, England, Canadian representatives were: **Bunny Gurvey**, president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, who is from Winnipeg; **Helen Marr** of Toronto; **Dorothy Reitman** of Montreal; **Vivian Caplan** of Ottawa; **Helen Finkelstein** of Montreal.

Helen Marr was elected as international vice-president representing Canada, and Dorothy Reitman was installed as chairman of the North American region, a newly-created committee to act as a group representing Canada and the United States.

KEREN HATARBUT DIRECTOR

Chaim Avron has been appointed director of Keren Hatarbut, Central Region.

Born in Romania, he has been involved in a variety of cultural and educational areas in Europe, Israel and North America. He has written many books, is editor of the Toronto page of Algemeiner Journal in New York, and is a fluent linguist.

In addition to conducting Hebrew classes commencing in September, Keren Hatarbut proposes initiating cultural activities to increase interest and knowledge of the Hebrew language at all levels.

HEADS HILLEL AT U OF T.

A 19-year-old nursing student at the University of Toronto, **Lisa Wiseman**, has been elected president of B'nai B'rith Hillel at the University of Toronto.

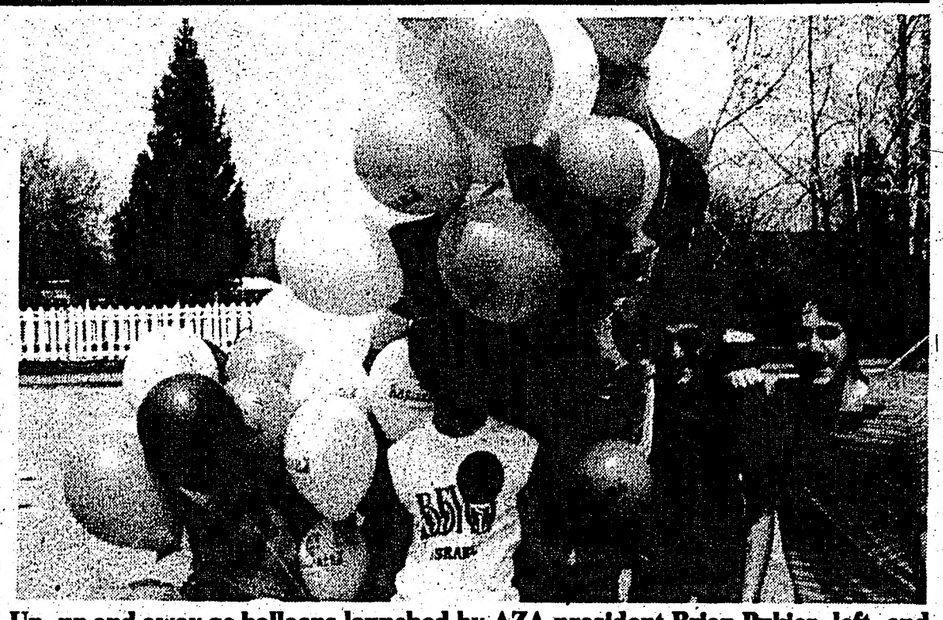
Lisa Wiseman

Lisa is a former honor student at Sir Sandford Fleming High School where she graduated as an Ontario Scholar. She has an impressive record of participation in the Jewish community — volunteer at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, volunteer counselor at Earl Bales summer programs for children, was selected as Miss Jerusalem for Caravan 1981, and has served as volunteer counselor for the Shabbaton program of the JCC. She has also held several BBYO leadership positions, including chapter president and regional membership chairperson.

Lisa is the daughter of Arthur and Beverley Wiseman.

ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, Toronto, principal of United Synagogue Day School, was re-elected president of the Jewish Educators Assembly, the largest professional organization of Jewish educators in North America.



Up, up and away go balloons launched by AZA president Brian Pukier, left, and his 60th anniversary committee members. From left, Kevin Allen, Jason Silverman and Jordan Allen.

BB group celebrates

By DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO — Aleph Zadik Aleph B'nai Brith Youth Organization celebrated its 60th anniversary in Toronto recently with a rally and picnic behind the Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst St.

The AZA had a gorgeous, warm spring day for its festivities and baseball and barbecuing were the order of the day.

Together with other AZA organizations throughout the world, Toronto's AZA's kids attached name and address tags to a hundred bright balloons and let them sail into the clear blue sky as a symbolic gesture of AZA unity.

AZA began in Omaha, Nebraska in 1924 and its alumni include such luminaries as Leonard Nimoy, Bill Shatner, Sam Shopsowitz, Paul Godfrey, Monty Hall and Lorne Greene.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of this worldwide organization, Lake Ontario Region is hosting an alumni reunion to take place in Toronto at the Inn on the Park on Saturday, Oct. 13.

For more information on the reunion or other alumni activities write to: Lake Ontario Region BBYO, 15 Hove St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 4Y8, or call (416) 635-9411.

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Organizations and People

Israel Consul-General Gideon Saguy embraces parents of Toronto olim at a recent meeting of APAI. From left, vice-president Bernard Rubin, Norma Rubin, Saguy, Dorys and Murray Bernbaum and president Edith Sefton. [Joe Malcolm photo]

Membership milestone reached by parents' group

TORONTO —

The Toronto Chapter of the Association of Parents of American Israelis (APAI) has reached a milestone — its 100th family membership.

At its March meeting, APAI welcomed Max and Sibyl Miltone and heard an update on Israel from Consul-General Gideon Saguy.

The group, founded four years ago, is aiming for a fivefold increase in membership. According to Charles King, editor of the chapter's newsletter, and Minabelle Haneford, membership chairlady, there are at least 500 Toronto area families who have children living in Israel — and they are anxious to let the 400 know how much APAI has to offer.

APAI was founded in 1974 in New York when a small group of parents met in the home of Dr. Nachum Weissman to discuss their concern for their children who had made aliya.

Today there are 34 chapters, including two in Canada, and a North American membership of over 3,000 families of all shades of political and religious affiliation.

In November, APAI will mark its 10th anniversary by honoring its founder, Dr. Weissman, at the annual convention in Jerusalem. All members who can make the trip are invited as delegates.

APAI membership is confined to parents and grandparents of North Americans living in Israel. The organization describes itself as "a self-help support group whose common bond is the wellbeing of their Israeli children," and their activities zero in on that special concern.

Members administer an emergency small loan fund with the assistance of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, and plans are being formulated to establish a multimillion dollar mortgage fund which will enable children of members to acquire suitable accommodation or expand their present facilities in Israel.

Executive President Edward Ring acts as a spokesman for the organization on issues concerning the successful integration of North American immigrants into Israeli society.

The Toronto Chapter, under President Edith Sefton, has encouraged the establishment of chapters in Montreal, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse, and there are indications, says King, that new chapters will form in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Ottawa.

For further information, contact Minabelle Haneford, (416) 633-5136.

Jerusalem Day rally planned for May 30

TORONTO —

The Canadian Zionist Federation will sponsor a community-wide rally to affirm solidarity with Israel on Yom Yerushalayim, May 30 at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Melech M. Halberstadt, regional president of CZF, said "there can be no more appropriate day than Yom Yerushalayim for the Jewish community in Ontario to show, that despite our diversity of philosophies and politics, we stand completely united behind the State of Israel in its continued battle against aggression, terrorism and slander.

"Yom Yerushalayim is a day of solidarity with united Jerusalem. By commemorating its reunification during the Six Day War in 1967, we demonstrate our recognition of its position as Israel's capital. Identification with Jerusalem on this day affirms the centrality of the city within Judaism."

Keynote speaker will be Eliashiv Ben-Horin, Israel ambassador to Canada. Also scheduled to speak is Roy McMurtry, Ontario's attorney - general. Entertainment will be provided by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, the Jewish folk singer, and Yitzchak Argaman and his band.

UJA still has openings for Mission to Israel

TORONTO —

United Jewish Appeal announces a limited number of openings remain for its Young Adults Mission to Israel, scheduled to depart Toronto on June 11.

The 10-day trip is open to young married couples and single members of the Toronto Jewish community in the 23-33 age range.

The mission itinerary is both "intense and extensive, with its main thrust being to provide maximum insight into UJA-related projects in Israel, as well as a first-hand acquaintance with all facets of the country's society," say UJA officials.

Estelle Hock, mission leader, says the group will travel the length and breadth of Israel, with principal stops in Jerusalem, the Galilee and Tel Aviv. From these points, day trips will include visits to West Bank settlements, Masada, the Good Fence near Metulla, the Golan Heights, Tiberius and Kfar Chabad.

Other locations and mission highlights include visits to the village of Beit Dagan (Toronto's UJA Project Renewal twin city for urban renewal); the absorption centre at Ofakim, where mission participants will have the opportunity to speak with recent immigrants from Ethiopia; the Knesset, where they will lunch with members of Israel's parliament; and participation in a candlelighting ceremony and tour of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum.

As well, top level speakers from Keren Hayesod and United Israel Appeal of Canada and the governmental and private sectors of the country, will be on hand to brief the mission at various times.

Full mission particulars can be obtained from Estelle Hock by calling her at UJA campaign headquarters: [416] 635-2883.

Katimavik tree planting

TORONTO —

Ontario's forests will be richer by more than 400,000 trees by May 31, thanks to Katimavik, Canada's national volunteer youth program.

The massive planting is Katimavik's contribution to National Forest Week, and an important element in the organization's ongoing Tree Project.

The project emphasizes outreach and public education on the value and significance of the forest environment for Canada, along with silviculture (tree planting).

The activities have been designed to highlight the contribution each Canadian can make to reforestation.

Planting has begun in most parts of Ontario and work should be completed by the end of May.

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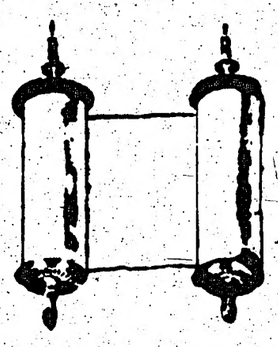

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bechukotai/Lag B'Omer

There is no blessing like Torah study — it is the bread of a Jewish neshama.

A certain businessman, traveling on a frozen winter's night, entered the home of the saintly Reb Michael of Zlotchuv. The businessman, who was trembling with the cold, found the rabbi learning over a sefer, before a warm, cozy fire.

Enviously, the businessman asked Reb Michel: "Rebbe, you have it so good here in Olam Hazeh, will you have any Olam Haboh (the World to Come)?"

Answered Reb Michel: "If I have it so good in this world that I don't work for at all, kal v'chomer (certainly) I will have it good in the Next World that I work for day and night...."

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From what will our neshamas live on in the Next World? There are no Miracle Marts, No Frills, no restaurants.... From what will the neshama thrive?

Only from Torah. The Torah that we study in this world, the mitzvahs and good deeds that we accomplish, keep the neshama shining in the next world.

You cannot be a Jew on the side. A Jew has to put his mind, soul, heart, time and love into serving the Almighty.

Commands the Torah: "I'm bechokosay teileichu — If you will go in my statutes...." And the rabbis comment: "Shetihiyu ameilim baTorah.... That you have to 'ameil' — Work, struggle, give yourself over — to the study of Torah!"

Every second brings reward. A certain chassid complained to the Kotzker Rebbe: "I study and study, but I see no fruits — I can never become a lamdan (scholar)."

Answered the Kotzker: "Where does the Torah say that it's a mitzvah for you to be a lamdan? Learn in order to do maasim tovim — good deeds!"

The Chafetz Chaim explained: What is the difference between a worker in Torah, and another craftsman? If someone gives a tailor a suit to fix, the tailor can work hours and hours. But if he hasn't finished the job, can he ask the owner: "Pay me!" "Why should I pay you?" the owner will demand. "I gave you a suit to fix, and you have not finished the job!"

But not with Torah. The job can never be finished. Even if a person learns day and night, it is just a drop in the sea. But for every moment spent on Torah, even if incomplete, there is tremendous reward!

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Torah teaches humility. Two brothers who were disciples of the Lubliner Chozeh began leading congregations of their own. One had thousands of followers, while the other remained hardly supported.

When they met, one brother asked the other: "We both had the same parents, the same yichus, and the same rebbe — why is it that everyone goes to you and not to me?"

Answered the other: "I wondered the same thing. But maybe because I wonder why are they coming to me that they do come to me.... While you wonder why don't they come to me that they don't come to you!"

Shabbat Shalom, a freilicha Lag B'Omer!

World hunger problem to be aired

TORONTO —

The Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev will hold a businessmen's luncheon Monday, June 4 at the Sheraton Centre here to discuss world hunger.

The dinner will feature Senator Ian Sinclair, former Canadian Pacific board chairman, whose address will focus on the available solutions to world hunger problems and Canada's pivotal and potentially profitable role in their implementation.

Harold Livergant, luncheon chairman, said Israel, and particularly Ben-Gurion University, are living testimony of the productivization of desert lands on which most hungry peoples live.

For this reason, he said, "it is quite natural that the new, unique Freedom From Hunger Research Centre has been established at the world famous Desert Research Centre."

A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Livergant the night before the luncheon will mark the inauguration of the centre.

The centre will be financed out of the income of a $1 million fund set up by overseas supporters of Ben-Gurion University to provide essential knowhow, techniques and technology to hungry nations.

The luncheon follows on the heels of the Right to Food — Freedom from Hunger Conference to be held May 25-31 at the Sir George Williams Campus of Concordia University in Montreal.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and former West German chancellor Willy Brandt are honorary co-chairmen of the conference sponsored by the Montreal Branch of the Canadian Associates.

Sixty-five experts and policymakers from 20 countries will take part in the daytime sessions and evening public panels, designed to sensitize public opinion to the nature, dimension and possible solutions of the world hunger problem.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is known for its contributions to the phenomenal growth of food production in Israel, particularly through its Desert Research Centre.

Rabbis permit organ switch

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Most rabbis agree that it is permissible for a Jew to receive an organ transplant or donate an organ, says Dr. Fred Rosner, professor of medicine at State University of New York.

Rosner, an expert in the field of halacha and medical ethics, spoke recently at the Myer Gasner Memorial Lecture at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Gasner was a past president of the synagogue.

"The value of human life is infinite and to save a life we will do anything," Rosner said.

He said that in the case of kidney transplants a healthy person is undergoing a small risk to save someone's life.

"Halacha says you are obliged to put yourself in a small danger to help someone live," says Rosner.

He added that eye transplants are allowed because someone who cannot see has an extra danger on his life.

Rosner said that although there is a biblical prohibition about deriving benefit from the dead, both kidney and eye transplants are permissible.

"In the case of kidney transplants you are using a live donor and in the case of eye transplants you are not deriving benefit from the dead because it is a live eye and the body has already been buried.

Some rabbis feel that permission must be granted from the donor's next of kin before the transplant, so the recipient cannot be accused of stealing, he said.

Transplants allowed

The speaker said heart transplants are permissible as long as it has been established that the donor is dead. "If the donor is dead, then the transplant is sanctioned."

He said that halacha also sanctions artificial hearts because the problem revolving around the donor does not exist.

"Jewish religion says that if a person is dying we are obligated to save that person's life," Rosner said.

He noted that even post mortems are allowed on Jews if it is an emergency situation. "If a person has died from a disease that someone else is dying from, benefit can be derived from an autopsy."

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Chocolate chai highlights a birthday party for Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The flavor of Israel was created at a gala Yom Ha'atzmaut reception last week, hosted by Israel's consul-general Gideon Saguy and his wife Meri at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

More than 800 guests were greeted by the Saguys, who stood beside a solid chocolate map of Israel, 24 inches by 12 inches. A chocolate flag of Israel with Hebrew letters (also in chocolate) spelled out "Chai + chai = 36" — reminding all that it was Israel's 36th anniversary.

The guests were from government, the diplomatic corps, the arts and media, the clergy, leaders of community organizations and many friends of the Saguys who have represented Israel here for two years.

Streamers with Magen Davids, blue-and-white balloons, Israeli flags, kiosks serving falafel and sparkling Israeli wine all produced a touch of Israel.

Among the political leaders greeted by the Saguys were John Roberts, federal minister of immigration and employment; provincial treasurer Larry Grossman; the president of the federal Treasury Board, Herb Gray and MPP David Rotenberg.

A message received from Ontario Premier Bill Davis praised Israel as "this great nation which stands today as testimony to the vision, courage, sacrifice and toil of its people and their determination to shape their destiny to build a land that enshrines human rights and dignity.

"As a friend of Israel and an admirer of all that it has accomplished in the incredibly short span of 36 years," Davis continued, "I share your joy in marking another milestone in its history."

Numerous heads of foreign missions and their wives attended including: the dean of the consular corps, Ossie U. Murray, the consul-general of Jamaica; vice-dean Fredrick Istl of Austria and treasurer of the Corps, Stephan S. Zisman.

Some of the other heads of foreign missions in Toronto present at the celebrations were: David Betts of the United States, L. De Mey of Belgium, Louis Vorms of France, John Alexander Thomoglou of Greece, A. Carlos Taylhardat of Venezuela, Peter Egger of Switzerland, Yozo Hatano of Japan, Hermann R. Kroeger, acting consul-general of Germany.

Hebrew heard throughout the hall

Among the clergy were: Father Jacques Monet, the president of Regis College of the University of Toronto, and Rabbis Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple and Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, senior scholar of Holy Blossom.

Those in attendance from the media and the arts included Beland Honderich, publisher of the Toronto Star; CJN editor Maurice Lucow and Mrs. Lucow; TV personality Al Waxman; film producer Harry Rasky; and Kosso Elul, the well known Israeli sculptor and his wife Rita, a renowned Brazilian painter.

From the field of finance, representatives of Israel trade and banking institutions included: Israeli trade commissioner Yair Ofek; Moshe Rosen, Bank Leumi; Amnon Barnoy, Bank Hapoalim; David Barr and Yacov Bachar of Israeli Discount Bank; and Shmuel Messenberg of the United Mizrahi Bank.

Jewish community leaders present included Ray and Rose Wolfe, Cecily Peters, Judy and Donald Carr, Mirial Small, Kurt Rothschild, Pearl Mekler, Lewis J. E. Moses, David Satok. These and scores of other community leaders represented Canadian Jewish Congress, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, Mizrachi, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, United Jewish Appeal and every facet of Jewish communal life in Toronto and the surrounding communities.

Hebrew could be heard throughout the hall as shlichim, representatives of Israeli universities, professors on sabbatical from Israel and representatives of various departments of the Jewish Agency, including the youth organizations in Israel, mingled with the guests.

Interviewed by The CJN, Consul-General Saguy reflected on the past year saying, "It was a difficult year in Israel. Hopefully the war in Lebanon will conclude this year and we will see peace for our people."

Saguy, who served in the Israeli army, noted that along with the anniversary celebration, Jews throughout the world commemorated the contribution made by the soldiers who fell in battles that have been fought by Israel.

With obvious pride, the consul-general pointed to his attractive and gracious wife and said: "We are proud to celebrate the achievements of Israel over the past 36 years — and we are proud to be able to share these with Jews of the Diaspora."

Employment and immigration minister John Roberts, centre, is greeted at Yom Ha'atzmaut reception by Israel consul-general Gideon Saguy and Mrs. Saguy. [Graphic Artists photo]

Norma and Irving Chapley

wish to express sincere thanks to their many friends who showed genuine concern and generosity in sending good wishes, cards, flowers, gifts and donations in their name to various community organizations during Irving's sudden illness.

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Real war not so easy for Hogan's Heroes co-star

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
As French prisoner-of-war Louis LeBeau, actor Robert Clary easily managed to outsmart his Nazi captors in Hogan's Heroes. However, for Clary, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps, life during the war was not as easy.

"From September 23, 1942, to April 11, 1945, I never knew a quiet moment," Clary said in a recent address at Adath Israel Synagogue. "If we had known we would be led like cattle to the slaughterhouse, we would have done something."

Appearing as guest of Ontario Region of United Synagogue of America and United Synagogue Youth, Clary told the 1,700 people in attendance, nearly one-third of whom were from Toronto USY groups, that he decided to end his 36 years of self-imposed silence because of current world conditions.

Clary said that when he was liberated from Buchenwald, he never wanted to talk about his experiences. Instead he wanted to forget what happened to him and to begin a normal life. However he was prevented from doing so by recurring nightmares.

"As a survivor I have a duty . . . we all have a duty to speak up," Clary said.

He noted that in reeent years there has been an increase in revisionist literature, as well as a rise in neo-Nazism and anti-semitism.

"There are people who are dangerous in this world. They always have been and always will be," he said. "These people (revisionists) are like cancer. We have to get rid of them before they get away with it. I won't let them get away with it."

Admitting that it never is a joyful task to talk about the past, Clary told his attentive audience how his parents came from Poland in the early 1920s and settled in Paris.

The youngest of 16 children, Clary described himself as a brat who was worshipped by his entire family.

"I would not change one iota of my childhood," he said.

Clary's carefree life came to an end in 1941 when members of his family were arrested and he had to register as a Jew.

"I did what most of the world did . . . not lift a finger."

The following year, on Sept. 23, police arrived at Clary's home with orders to arrest the remaining members of his family.

From that moment on, Clary said, he never knew a quiet moment until he was liberated. After being deported, Clary was sent to Auschwitz, where he said the infamous Dr. Joseph Mengele, the "Angel of Death" selected who would live and who would die.

Clary said that before his parents were sent to their death at Auschwitz, his mother gave him advice which he credits for his survival.

"Don't be a wise guy. Listen to what they tell you to do."

Taken to a slave labour camp, Clary said he was up at 4 a.m. each day and walked to a factory where he was forced to make 4,000 wooden heels a day. After working 12 hours, the prisoners returned to camp for a meal of bread and margarine.

Clary said he managed to endure his ordeal because of a strong will to survive. However, to ensure that the Holocaust is never repeated, he said, survivors must relate their experiences to their children and grandchildren.

"To stay in apathy is the worst thing that can happen in the world," Clary concluded.

Ontario manufacturers are bound for Tel Aviv to attend Isratech 84. Front row, from left, are Roger Eskinazi, president, Trionics Communications Systems Ltd.; Ron Warren, executive VP, Lawrason's Chemicals Ltd.; MPP David Rotenberg, mission leader; Yair Ofek, Israel Trade Commission. Back row, from left: George Kurys, ministry of industry and trade; Nick Simmonds, executive director, Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Adrian Tenser, president, Tenser Group Consultants Inc.; Sam Kohl, Israel Trade Commission; Barry Schacter, VP, IDEA Corp,; Peter Friedman, industry and trade; Ken Prouty, special products marketing, Electrohome Electronics. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Firms seek joint Israeli ventures

TORONTO —
Joint ventures and licensing arrangements with Israeli companies will be sought by seven Ontario firms at Isratech 84 in Tel Aviv May 21-24.

The mission is sponsored by the Ontario ministry of industry and trade and will be led by David Rotenberg, parliamentary assistant to the minister of municipal affairs.

Hundreds of manufacturers representing Israel's major high technology industries are expected to participate in the event.

"We hope to improve our trade with Israel and to further technical and industrial cooperation, especially in the field of high technology," said Industry and Trade Minister Frank Miller.

Two-way trade between Ontario and Israel currently totals $78 million. Ontario's major exports to Israel are in general purpose industrial machinery and telecommunications equipment.

Areas of high-tech growth in Israel include electronics, computer-aided design and manufacturing, robotics, genetic engineering, lasers, chemicals, solar energy, pharmaceuticals, computer software and medical electronics.

As well as exhibiting at Isratech 84, the Ontario delegation will attend a luncheon hosted by the Israeli Manufacturers Association and hold private consultations with industry and government officials.

Ontario companies going to Isratech 84 are Dipix Systems Ltd., Ottawa; Electrohome Ltd., Kitchener; IDEA Corporation, Toronto; Lawrason's Chemicals Ltd., Rexdale; Nelma Data Corp., Mississauga; The Tenser Group Consultants Inc., Toronto; and Trionics Communication System Ltd., Markham.

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Honorees Sara and Al Waxman are presented with a mounted Jerusalem stone, signifying their new status as "founders of Shaare Zedek" by previous honoree mayor Mel Lastman. [Graphic Artists photo]

Centre established at Shaare Zedek

Dinner honors Waxmans

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — More than 1,000 members of the community as well as wellwishers from afar afield as California, Winnipeg and Washington jammed into the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel on the eve of Yom Ha'atzmaut to pay tribute to Sara and Al Waxman and to celebrate the establishment, in their name, of a Center for Maternal and Fetal Medicine at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

Sam H. Blank, national president of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, which tendered the function, acknowledged the significance of the date.

"Tonight, as we honor Sara and Al Waxman," he said, "we must also give thought to the men and women who have fought so bravely to assure Israel's freedom and independence, and to the Shaare Zedek Medical Center which, for almost a century, has been fighting against disease, injury and the physical devastation of war."

Calling Shaare Zedek a "source of life," since more than half the births in Jerusalem take place there (close to 6,000 annually), Blank urged the guests to maintain their interest in the new Waxman Center, which will treat women with high-risk pregnancies and train professionals in fetology, the care of the unborn.

Warmed by the applause of the guests and roasts and toasts of the evening's special guests, the Waxmans expressed their gratitude for the support given to the new facility.

Stating that it is usually the woman in the family who selects the charitable functions to be attended, Sara explained that "there are a lot of things a woman can do with $500 [the cost of the dinner ticket]. She can buy a pretty dress, she can go to a spa or she can help save a baby's life. For all of you here, who have chosen to help bring a healthy baby into the world, thank you."

Al equated the name of the hospital, meaning "Gates of Righteousness," with tzedakah, "giving."

"I believe the doctors, nurses, administrators, researchers, teachers, technicians and all the workers and students perform tzedakah every day," he said. "They go in and perform their duties as though they are the duties of a sacred profession, a sacred purpose, for health and life itself.

"They perform their duties every day, for a small salary. They are constantly living tzedakah. Certainly this is how the patients of the Shaare Zedek must feel — to be ministered to by people like this. They must indeed feel as though they have entered the gates of righteousness."

Among the evening's guest speakers was Dr. Ben Waxman, brother of the honoree, a consultant in family planning and gynecology and a department head at George Washington University medical school in Washington.

Waxman's co-stars on his TV hit series, Cagney and Lacey, Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless, also spoke, adding a touch of Hollywood glamour to the evening. Another speaker was John Hirsch of the Stratford Festival.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman and his wife, Marilyn, presented the Waxmans with a mounted Jerusalem stone signifying their new status as "founders of Shaare Zedek."

Dinner chairman, Edward L. Greenspan, thanked the members of the campaign committee, who worked with campaign chairman Alex Grossman in achieving the success of the evening and reaching the goal of $750,000 needed to establish the new service.

The Waxman Center is already operational in Jerusalem and has been credited with saving the lives of three infants born with congenital heart defects which were diagnosed before birth. The facility will complement the activities of the Shaare Zedek neonatology intensive care unit, which has been functioning for several years.

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Organizations and People

Goldberg recalls hard-luck stories

Benevolent society celebrates 85th anniversary

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Back in the Dirty Thirties, at the height of the Depression, Mel Goldberg remembers when his father, Max, was in such dire distress he couldn't afford to buy a $15 ton of coal to keep the family warm.

Where did he seek aid in his time of need? Naturally, he went to the "rachmoonis society" — the affectionate name given to the Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society — and his fellow members pitched in generously to help him buy the required coal.

Mel Goldberg, now 62, is financial secretary of the society, which is believed to be Canada's oldest Jewish mutual benefit society.

In his role as emcee, Goldberg will recall similar hard-luck human interest stories on May 27, when 140 members gather for a banquet and dance at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue on Elder St. to celebrate the society's 85th anniversary.

A good many of the tales will be told by its honorary ex-president, Nathan Lastman, a cousin of North York Mayor Mel Lastman, and at 80, still going strong as chairman of the society's charity committee.

A retired cloakmaker who emigrated to Toronto in 1920 from Warsaw, he lives out his autumnal years quietly at the B'nai B'rith Upper Canada Lodge apartments for senior citizens on Bathurst St.

Though his eyesight is dimmed due to cataracts, there's nothing dull about his pin-sharp memory, as he helps administrate the society's brotherly fund, once known as its relief fund.

"The society is still carrying on its principles of benevolence, charity and brotherly love," says Lastman.

But he prefers to express it in two Yiddish phrases: "Me helft zich alein" and "Me helft arois yenem."

According to the society's minutes, meticulously recorded in Yiddish, it was founded in 1899 by 35 members, all of them cloakmakers, meeting at 10 Armoury St.

The dues were to be 50 cents paid every three months, and a primary purpose of the organization was to purchase plots for members in the Roselawn Ave. Cemetery.

But members were also entitled to $5 a week sick benefits, with medical care provided by a "society doctor." A committee was appointed to visit sick members daily; another committee was to make all funeral arrangements and take care of the bill when a member died; and a member in mourning was allowed $5 a week "shiva" money.

In 1927, when Lastman became a member, the society held meetings, ironically enough, at that bastion of WASP Tory Toronto, the Orange Hall, at the corner of College St. and Euclid Ave. And it continued to meet there until 1958.

Lastman remembers the fun they had at their fund raising get-togethers. They held masquerade balls, bowling jamborees, picnics, and what they used to call package parties.

"Women prepared parcels of delicious homemade Jewish delicacies," he recalls. "They were auctioned off and the lucky bidder would share the package with the lady who prepared it."

During World War II, members contributed more than $10,000 to various worthy causes, ranging from the British War Victims Fund to the establishment of a recreation canteen for soldiers at Camp Borden.

They were equally generous in their contributions to the Zionist cause. In 1973, during the Yom Kippur War, they swiftly answered Israel's call for help by pitching $3,000 into the kitty of an aid-to-Israel emergency fund.

Today, members continue to support the Association for the welfare of Soldiers in Israel. Some also have established scholarships via the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. And the society donates money to the Pioneer Women's campaign to adopt children in Israel.

Locally, they are generous in their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and the Associated Hebrew Schools.

Since the establishment of OHIP, they have no need for a "society doctor" or hospitalization insurance. But if a member is sick, and can't work, they pay him $15 a week for a maximum of 10 weeks. And, out of the $80-a-year dues, they continue to provide burial plots at Roselawn as well as two other cemeteries at St. Clair E. and Dawes Rd.

In terms of donations to worthy causes, they're very catholic — in the original spirit of that word. "When it comes to human need, we don't believe in religious barriers," says Mel Goldberg. "So we also make contributions to non-Jewish causes."

Clearly, after 85 years, it remains a splendid rachmoonis society.

Nathan Lastman, 80, with memories of his years of service to Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Rosalie Flomen was born in St. John's, Nfld. and was regional chairman of Nova Scotia and Nfld. for Hadassah-WIZO of Canada. After moving to Toronto, she has served on the executive of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO in many senior capacities. For the coming year, she will serve as Treasurer and national membership chairman. "Commitment to Judaism never ceases, no matter where you live."

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TJC experimental housing project nears start

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — 6035 Bathurst St. may soon become a model for harmonious community living.

A mix of families, seniors and disabled individuals are expected to occupy this new experimental housing project by next March. Construction of the 6-storey building, located three blocks south of Steeles, is scheduled to begin July 1.

In the late 70s, the Social Planning Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress looked at the need for alternative housing options for seniors. But based on its research the TJC also found a lack of diversity in housing for disabled persons who could live independently, empty nester families (families where children moved away from home), single parent families, and financially burdened families where both parents were working.

As a result, the Kehilla Residential Program was established as a TJC agency in 1982 to provide social housing projects in the community as an alternative to institutions.

Kehilla is the body sponsoring the MARC project at 6035 Bathurst St. MARC stands for Mutually Assisting Residential Community, and encourages interdependent living and the mix of seniors, families and disabled in a Jewish environment.

The MARC project will have 90 housing units. Ten units are specifically designed for the disabled; 50% of the remaining 80 units will be allocated to households where at least one person is 55 and over, and 40 housing units not designated for seniors will be available for occupancy to families (regular, single parent and special need).

TJC has bought the land for the MARC project from RONTO developers. RONTO is also the builder of the adjacent 8-storey Parkview senior housing co-op which is expecting occupancy shortly.

Rupert Shriar, social planning director of the TJC and overall co-ordinator of the MARC project, says it will cost $5.5 million to construct the 6035 Bathurst St. site. But project chairman and architect Michael Steele told The Canadian Jewish News last week that thanks to the efforts of Liberal MP Jim Peterson, the CMHC (Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation) guarantees the total mortgage.

Steele emphasized that MARC is different from a regular co-op because there's a defined entrance and exit policy which states that each individual must contribute a service to other residents.

Resident tasks include such services as babysitting, shopping, housekeeping and home repairs. An animateur/coordinator will be hired to help people honor their contract.

Shriar noted that since the CMHC sets rent levels, the building can't be completely subsidized. Rents will probably be similar to the Parkview co-op next door (rents are $390 per month for a 1-bedroom and $450 for a 2-bedroom) and "though up to 25% of the units are eligible for subsidy we're seeking a subsidy of 33%," Shriar said.

6035 Bathurst St. was specifically designed as 6 storeys to allay the fears of seniors intimidated by high rises.

And to encourage seniors to live together harmoniously the majority of the units are 2-bedroom, while a smaller number are 1- and 3-bedroom.

Eight-foot wide corridors on each floor with chairs near elevators are expected to encourage an informal, friendly environment.

The disabled will be able to enter the building with no difficulty and some units are designed for wheelchair entry.

6035 Bathurst St. is non-sectarian but since MARC is Kehilla's first community housing project, its clients are predominantly Jewish.

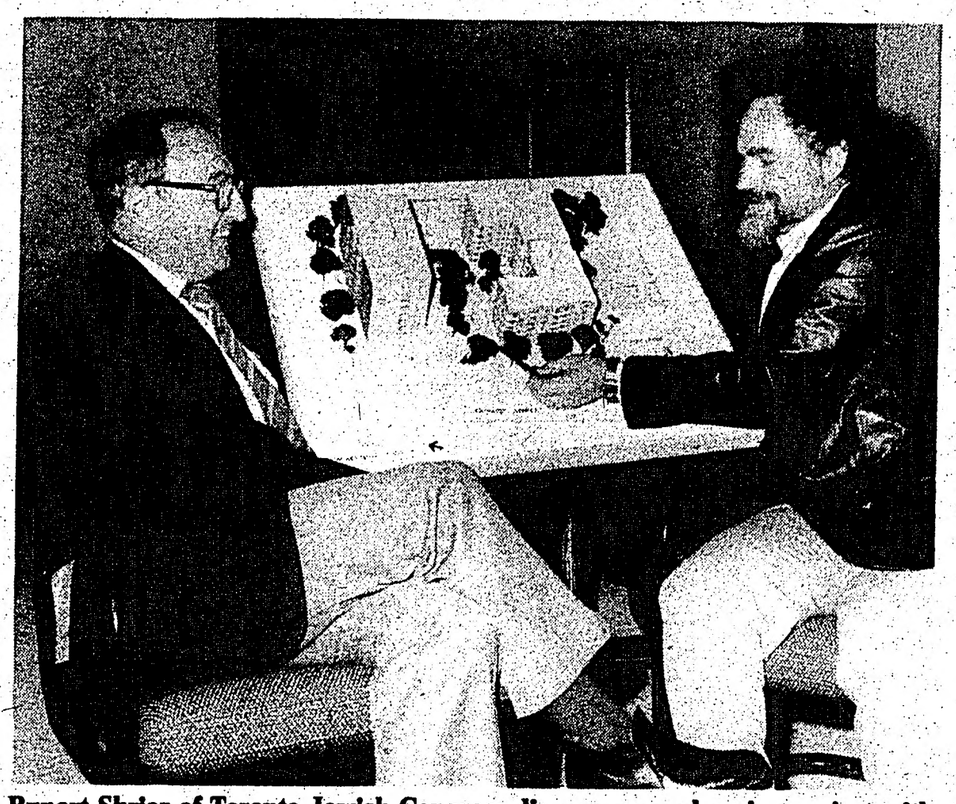
According to Shriar, the MARC project will have a close and ongoing relationship with the JCC northern branch, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Association of Jewish Seniors, Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, Jewish Information Service, North-East Single Parents Association, Baycrest Centre and the Jewish Camp Council.

The Reena Foundation and Jewish Family & Child Service will also play an active role.

Selection of residents will be made by committee people in the social agencies and professionals involved in the MARC project. Preference will be given to those whose family and community ties are either non-existent or limited, individuals whose skills will lend significance to living quality within the project, and to referrals from Jewish agencies, doctors, lawyers and others.

Kehilla is also completing a contract with Toronto City Homes to build a 14-unit group home for frail elderly on Elm Ridge Dr., four blocks north of Eglinton Ave. The 2-storey building will be wheelchair accessible and construction should begin this summer.

"This is not a nursing home but a level above that," Shriar said.



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Money goes to children of Beit Dagan

Tireless trio raises funds for the Walk for Israel

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO — Louis Goldman, Rachel Kanner and Nat Hurwich are a formidable trio who between them have chalked up thousands of dollars raised for the annual United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel.

Rachel, a former Hebrew teacher at Adath Israel, is a veteran walker who at one time participated in the event without sponsorship. It was the massacre of children at Ma'alot a number of years ago that triggered her decision to make the effort to pay off for the benefit of youngsters in Israel.

In 1983 she raised more than $2,000 and is well on the way to topping her own record when she hands in the money she has collected at the first checkpoint on the morning of Sunday, June 3. With an awesome determination, she has managed to garner a sizeable number of what she refers to as "illustrious" sponsors, filling in passport after passport.

Louis Goldman, a dapper, soft-spoken gentleman who works out daily at the Jewish Community Centre, has been an avid participant in the UJA Walk since 1971. He, too, has done more than his share in contributing to the financial success of the annual communal event. Three weeks prior to the Walk, he had already collected $250, with "much more to come," he confidently adds.

Of the three, Nat Hurwich is the "johnny-come-lately," having begun his participation in the annual Walk five years ago to usher in his 70th birthday.

Nat, a well known community figure, has something special going for him this year. Not only does he proudly proclaim his 75th brithday, but notes that the second checkpoint on the route is the Nathan O. and Roey Hurwich Education Centre of the Associated Hebrew Schools on Finch. With incentive like that, he says, how could he fail to make his contribution to the 1984 Walk for Israel extra-special.

All three have thrown out a challenge to their peers in Toronto's Jewish community, to emulate their effort to come out on Sunday, June 3, participate in the fun of the day, and above all, raise money for the children of Beit Dagan, Toronto's Project Renewal town.

All proceeds will go toward the provision of recreational and sports facilities, which until now, have been non-existent.

Passports are available at all synagogues, Hebrew schools, JCC north and south branches, or at the United Jewish Appeal office at 4600 Bathurst Street.

Louis Goldman, left, Rachel Kanner and Nat Hurwich, display poster publicizing the annual Walk for Israel, at UJA headquarters. [Graphic Artists photo]

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"They are sisters in the cause of humanity"

Sister Mary Jo Leddy receives Ida Nudel award

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Two "sisters in the cause of humanity, Ida Nudel and sister Mary Jo Leddy" — from different cultures and religions — were honored recently as Sister Mary Jo was presented with the Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award.

The award is presented annually by the Ontario Legislature Committee for Soviet Jewry and the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, to a person who has shown a commitment to human rights both at home and abroad.

In accepting the award from Legislature committee co-chairman MPP David Rotenberg at a public ceremony at Queen's Park, Sister Leddy said that there are many people in the world today who are prevented from communicating thoughts and ideas.

Leddy, co-editor of the Catholic New Times and provincial coordinator of her religious community, the Sisters of Sion, praised Ida Nudel, calling her an exceptional woman who, despite living under a totalitarian system, has survived with her spirit intact.

"Under such a system of oppression, the spirit is broken," she said. "For every Ida Nudel, how many are forced to abandon their convictions to remain in the mainstream of society?"

Nudel, 53, was arrested, tried and convicted on the charge of "malicious hooliganism" in June 1978, after trying to emigrate from the Soviet Union to Israel for seven years.

After spending four years in internal exile in Siberia, she was informed by Soviet government officials that she would not receive a visa to emigrate.

Earlier this year, Nudel was warned by police not to associate with Refuseniks and was prohibited from seeing foreign visitors.

Despite the ruling, Nudel recently met with Jane Fonda during the actress's visit to the Soviet Union (CJN May 10).

Leddy visited the Soviet Union last fall, and her visits with Refuseniks and peace activists received wide publicity.

Since her return, she has spoken out in the Catholic New Times and in her column in the Toronto Star on behalf of Soviet Jews' right to emigrate.

She praised all those who help oppressed people living in totalitarian systems around the world, saying that it is all too easy to take organizations like Amnesty International and the Committee for Soviet Jewry for granted.

"A web of human solidarity makes it possible for Canadians to reach out to help Soviet Jews," she said.

Rotenberg paid tribute to Leddy and Nudel.

"The two women live half a world apart, in different cultures and religions, (yet) are sisters in the cause of humanity," he said.

Rotenberg was joined at the presentation by his co-chairmen, MPPs James Breithaupt and Marion Bryden, and Jeanette Goldman, Ontario chairman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Last year's award winner, Canadian author June Callwood, also praised the two women being honored. "It must confound the Soviet government," Callwood said, "that this woman has become a symbol of courage."

Previous winners of the Ida Nudel Humanitarian Award include Pauline MacGibbon, former Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and MP Flora MacDonald.

Na'amat award to de Corneille

TORONTO —
Rev. Roland de Corneille, Liberal MP for Eglinton - Lawrence and an ordained Anglican minister, has been named Pioneer Women Na'amat's Spiritual Father of the Year, in recognition of his "lifelong devotions to human rights and the brotherhood of man."

He was honored at Pioneer Women's annual Adopt-a-Child dinner this week at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

A plaque was presented to him and his name similarly inscribed in the Toronto - Jerusalem Children's Centre in Israel.

The Adopt - a - Child program provides full-time care for parentless and traumatized children.

Pioneer Women Na'amat is the world's largest women's organization, with 850,000 members in 13 countries.

The 57-year-old de Corneille, author of Christians and Jews,

Roland de Corneille

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Another honor for singer

Maureen Forrester gets Humanitarian Award

By
CARRIE SCHIPPER

TORONTO —

Today, world-renowned contralto Maureen Forrester stands at the pinnacle of Canada's cultural hierarchy as chairman of the Canada Council.

Now she has added one more honor to the list of her achievements.

At a recent dinner in Toronto, she received the 34th annual Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award.

The Brotherhood presents the award to those whose efforts have helped to foster "better understanding between people of all races, colors, and creeds."

In introducing Forrester, John Aird, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, praised her for "her undaunted sense of family, style and beauty."

Forrester's humility as she accepted the commemorative plaque was genuine and touching.

"I feel nervous," she said with a giggle. "When I sing, I'm never nervous" — to which the audience replied — "Sing!"

And, at the conclusion of a speech which recalled memories of her 18 trips to Israel, she did . . . to the crowd's delight.

The evening, while spirited and festive, was tinged with sadness as both Aird and York Mayor Allan Tonks marked the recent passing of Chief Justice Bora Laskin of the Supreme Court of Canada.

In 1978, Laskin received the 28th annual Beth Sholom Brotherhood Humanitarian Award.

Among the head table guests were both secular and religious dignataries, including former Governor-General Roland Michener; Rev Richard D. Jones, president emeritus of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; Gideon Saguy, consul-general of Israel; Paul H. Robinson, Jr., U.S. ambassador to Canada; Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan; and David Peterson, provincial Liberal leader.

Also on hand to greet Forrester were Brotherhood president Harvey Spiegel and vice-president David Brown; Beth Sholom's Rabbi Dr. David Monson and Cantor Jonatan Koren; Beth Sholom president Phil Stein and Sisterhood president Eve Rothblatt.

Co-chairing the award dinner were Frank Cadesky and Mendel Green.

Maureen Forrester accepts Beth Sholom plaque from Lieutenant-Governor John Aird as Frank Cadefsky, left, and Mendel Green look on. [Graphic Artists photo]

BBYO holds convention

TORONTO —

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, said to be the largest Jewish youth organization in the world, will hold its "Spring into Tradition" convention from May 18-20 at York University in Toronto.

Over 300 representatives from the Lake Ontario Region — which includes Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, and Buffalo and Rochester, NY — are expected to attend.

The representatives will elect the 1984-85 executive bodies of the Region and take part in Shabbat services, a Shabbat dinner and discuss issues of concern to BB youth.

BBYO is an international organization for youths age 13-18 designed to bring together Jewish teenagers, teach leadership skills and help mold independent adults with Jewish backgrounds.

Glittering opening planned

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The Sutkiewicz and Shay families from Israel, who own the European Jewellery store at 111 Bloor St. W., aren't joking when they talk of the "dazzler" of an opening they've planned for their new branch store.

Hollywood star Gina Lollobrigida and a $4 million Yves Piaget Phoebus watch encrusted with 88 carats of flawless blue diamonds will be on hand when Mayor Arthur Eggleton cuts the ribbon for the May 30 grand opening.

Located at 390 Bay St. near Richmond, the 4,000-square-foot store "will cater to the masses, selling No. 1 quality jewelry from $20 up, to customers ranging from stenos to tycoons," said a spokesman for the store.

Originally from Poland, members of the two families emigrated from Tel Aviv to Toronto nine years ago and have since flourished on Bloor St., catering to the carriage trade.

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Some of the members of the young leadership group of the Friends of the Hebrew University. Back row, from left: Marvin Scharf, Jeff Stulberg, Stephen Diamond, Marvin Geist. Front row, from left: Joel Alpert, Paul Lokash, Dr. Harvey Zimmerman and Gary Opolsky, president of the Hebrew University alumni of Canada.

Old-fashioned love returning

Joyce Brothers talks sex

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

According to Dr. Joyce Brothers, there's "a return to old fashioned romantic love and young people are going back to sex with commitment."

The popular psychologist, author, TV personality and columnist opened the recent 3-day Women's World 84 convention here with a talk on What Every Woman Should Know About Sex.

A petite figure in a pale mauve suit and frilly blouse, the familiar hairdo tucked out of sight under a matching hat, she entertained over 600 women at a luncheon in the Hamilton Convention Centre.

But far from going into clinical detail, Dr. Brothers conducted a couple of rapid fire quizzes to enlighten the women on the state of their love lives and understanding of the opposite sex as well as to puncture some popular myths.

The truth is, she said, that sex is not really so important. Psychiatrists and psychologists have studied only troubled marriages in the past and they are now turning to happy marriages to see how they work. And waht have they found? That happy marriages have exactly the same sexual problems as unhappy ones!

"Sex is only a bridge," she declared. "If what goes over the bridge is warmth and loving concern, it's happy . . . and if what goes over is hostility, there's trouble."

Opposites do attract and have successful relationships provided their needs complement one another and there are enough social similarities to compensate for psychological disparities. "Placid waters tend to stagnate and so," stated Brothers, "do couples in a placid relationship."

A scientific attitude toward sex does not make for a good relationship and clergymen, she noted amid laughter, usually enjoy the most satisfactory sex lives.

Regarding premarital sex, Brothers said that more and more research shows that young men do not lose respect for the woman with whom they are involved in a sexual relationship and that when genuinely in love, "sincerity and maturity are the decisive things rather than chastity."

Minority govt. seen with Labor leading

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Israel can expect to have another minority government following elections July 23, but this time it could be the Labor Alignment scrambling to create a coalition, according to an Israeli professor.

Avraham Diskin, a senior lecturer in the department of political science of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said he doubted whether early poll predictions of a Labor majority would hold up at election time.

Speaking at a luncheon at the Primrose Club to about 35 members of the young leadership group of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Diskin cited precedents for his opinions.

"In January 1981, the polls predicted an Alignment majority too," he said. "In the end, there was a slight advantage to Likud."

This time, Diskin predicted, the Alignment will join with other centrist and left-of-centre parties to take the reins of power.

The key factor that will determine the election will be "the way the voters perceive the performance and competence of the government, especially in economic matters."

Even though "Lebanon destroyed the well known consensus on security," he warned that "if it's over-exploited by the Labor opposition, that could present a clash with the natural attitudes of the electorate, alienating the 40% "potential floating voters.

"Labor has enough grounds on economic affairs that aren't as touchy," he added.

Tracing the evolution of Israel's fragmented party system, Diskin pointed out that in 1977, Alignment lost 15% of its voters, mostly among young Sephardim — especially North Africans — who defected Labor for Likud.

Labor also lost some Ashkenazi voters to the Democratic Movement for Change, leaving the Likud a "more Sephardi party than ever before.

"In 1981, most Sephardim continued to support Likud while the Ashkenazi voters who had supported the DMC went back to Alignment. Now we have two blocs that are ethnically separated from each other," he said.

Diskin said he expects that dichotomy to moderate in 1984.

"It reached its peak in 1981," he said. "It will continue, but not to that extent.

"Some of the poor voters in Israel are Sephardim, and they are having second thoughts about previous election behavior," he said.

"So there's a chance that Alignment will pick up these voters. But there's also a chance that some Ashkenazim will go to Likud over foreign policy issues," he added.

Diskin was introduced by Joel Alpert, the national director of the Canadian Friends. Alpert told The CJN the luncheon and other activities are designed to inform young leaders about issues of concern to Israel.

"The idea of having a group of young leaders, led by Paul Lokash and Marvin Geist, who are busy with their lives and professions putting time, money and energy into supporting the Hebrew University, is a source of encouragement to me as the university's representative in Canada and as an Israeli," Alpert said.

Diskin, who this year was a visiting professor of political studies at Carleton University in Ottawa, is co-author of The Roots of Begin's Success, an analysis of Israel's 1981 election, and The Israeli Political System (in German).

Diskin is returning to Israel to work as a pollster for the Labor Party in the time leading up to the election.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Say goodbye to carpools

Hebrew in the home lets families learn together

TORONTO —

Getting your child to afternoon Hebrew school two or three times a week can be a real chore if you live in one of the outlying developments opening up on the fringes of Metro.

Rabbi David Cooper, of Adath Sholom Synagogue in Downsview, has a solution: gather four or five children of about the same age and background for regular informal classes in their own neighborhood.

Says Cooper: "Time lost in transporting children is saved, and a close relationship between the rabbi-teacher and the children is nurtured, bringing the warmth of Jewish study into the home."

His goals include covering the basics of Hebrew reading and comprehension, Bible study and prayer. But, he adds, there is the freedom to diversify in different areas of Judaica, depending on the talents of the children . . . "to open up the world of Jewish law through the study of Mishna and Talmud, rabbinic interpretation and legend."

And, says Cooper, "No program for children is complete without an adult educational component as well."

While parents are reluctant to enrol in any formal Hebrew school format, Cooper's "In-Home Hebrew" allows for the freedom to meet in one's own home, with no commuting in the evening in Toronto's winter weather!

The result, says Cooper, is a relaxed evening of Judaica study with another couple or two for a social, as well as educational program in their home.

In Home Hebrew is scheduled for full operation in the fall. For details regarding adult or children's studies contact Rabbi David Cooper, 635-0131, Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., Downsview.

Rabbi David Cooper opens up the Torah for three young students.

In Lipa Green Building, "We're part of community"

Bright new Board offices are boon to educators

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The Toronto Board of Jewish Education has a new home on the 2nd floor of the Lipa Green Building and the staff couldn't be happier.

"It's fabulous, roomy and bright," says Harold Malitzky, associate director of the BJE. "Our new facility here is exciting and gives us a sense of community and a feeling of working together for the same common goals.

"Now we are more accessible and the parking facilities are most suitable," says Malitzky, in his modern, spacious office overlooking the ravine and the JCC outdoor pool. "About 90% of the Jewish communal services are now under one roof except for the JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) and the geriatric services."

The BJE was the first tenant to move into the Lipa Green Building in July 1983, with other agencies moving in last fall.

Occupying 5,000 square feet, the BJE now has roughly double the space it had in its old, cramped quarters above the Jewish Public Library at 22 Glen Park. The board was located there for 23 years.

"Quite a difference from our former location on Glen Park which was isolated, dark and dreary," said Malitzky.

Called the "JT" Tanenbaum Wing, the BJE office occupies Suite 232 and is adjacent to the offices of the Jewish National Fund, the Congress Kashruth Division, the Council of Jewish Federations and the National Budgeting Conference. A common board room is available to any organization on the floor.

A large dining lounge is on the 3rd floor which has its own kitchenette and vending machines. A private kitchen area is located within the BJE offices, as well.

There are eight offices for senior professional staff, a large secretarial area partitioned with noise barriers, a storage area, workroom, kitchen, and a comfortably furnished reception area with spotlights and plants.

Some of the features include exterior walls painted in light pink with white detailing, gray broadloom, white vertical blinds and recessed fluorescent lights.

The BJE was allocated $42,500 for the move which included the services of an interior designer and the purchase of some office furniture.

Among the greatest improvements are the Teachers' Centre — a new facility filled with teachers' educational materials, a Toronto Jewish Media Centre, and a Central Pedagogic Library which provides a repository of texts, workbooks, teacher guides, catalogues for publishers of Judaica, educational games, teacher-made materials, and course outlines for the use of teachers and supervisors in affiliated schools.

Dr. Shoshana Kurtz, senior school consultant, supervises the circulation and distribution of all items from the Pedagogic Library which adjoins her office. "Before, she was so squeezed for space she was literally hanging from the chandeliers," said Malitzky.

Esther Stein, secretary to BJE director Rabbi Irwin Witty for nine years, said that the new offices are "roomy and provide a friendly work environment."

Bernard Shoub, director of school finances, said there is "no comparison" between the new premises and the old. "We are no longer in isolation, but are part of the total Jewish community," he said.

BJE officials clustered around the file cabinets can't seem to get used to the idea that they now have all the space they need. [Graphic Artists photo]

Hebrew credit after school

TORONTO —

Students at the Beth Tzedec Hebrew high school may now earn an Ontario secondary school credit for their Hebrew studies.

Pupils in grades 9 through 13 at the congregational school who are enrolled in six hours of study per week are eligible.

According to school officials, students will be asked to register through a personal interview, to take a placement exam, and to complete all requirements specified by the ministry of education and the sponsoring secondary schools.

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30-7.20 p.m. Upon completion of 24 annual class hours, students are eligible for graduation and awarding of diplomas.

The Hebrew high school, says the school's statement of philosophy, provides a setting for individual growth and self-realization through strong Jewish identity. This is made possible by the total Jewish environment provided by the inter-relationship of school and youth activities.

For forms and details, please call the school office at 787-0381. Non-members of Beth Tzedec are welcome.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Teachers become "media literate"

Find lights, cameras, action at BJE media centre

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The largest Jewish media centre of its kind in Canada and possibly in North America opened this past year in the Lipa Green Building, according to media director Avihu Bar-El.

Occupying five rooms in the Board of Jewish Education premises on the 2nd floor, this media facility contains more than 6,000 items available for Judaica instruction in the schools and for the perusal of the community at large.

"The media centre offers a wide selection of Hebrew and English programs for teachers and educators dealing with a variety of subjects, such as the Bible, festivals, history, famous Jewish personalities, world Jewry, the Holocaust and Israel," said Bar-El recently.

Although audio-visual use in the field of education isn't new, he said there are still many teachers who are not knowledgeable in the use of media equipment.

The centre, therefore, offers to help teachers become media literate by offering a "hands on" approach of instruction in all the major machinery needed to make maximum use of the materials, Bar-El said.

Public school teachers also avail themselves of the centre's vast resources, especially for teachers of World Religion, Jewish history and the Holocaust, he said.

The main media facility is large and bright and contains a vast audio-visual software collection, from 16mm films to ¾-inch videotapes, Beta and VHS videocassettes, records, slides, filmstrips, overhead transparencies, audio cassettes and microfiche.

The other four rooms are used for screenings, video editing, sound studio and film inspection and repairs.

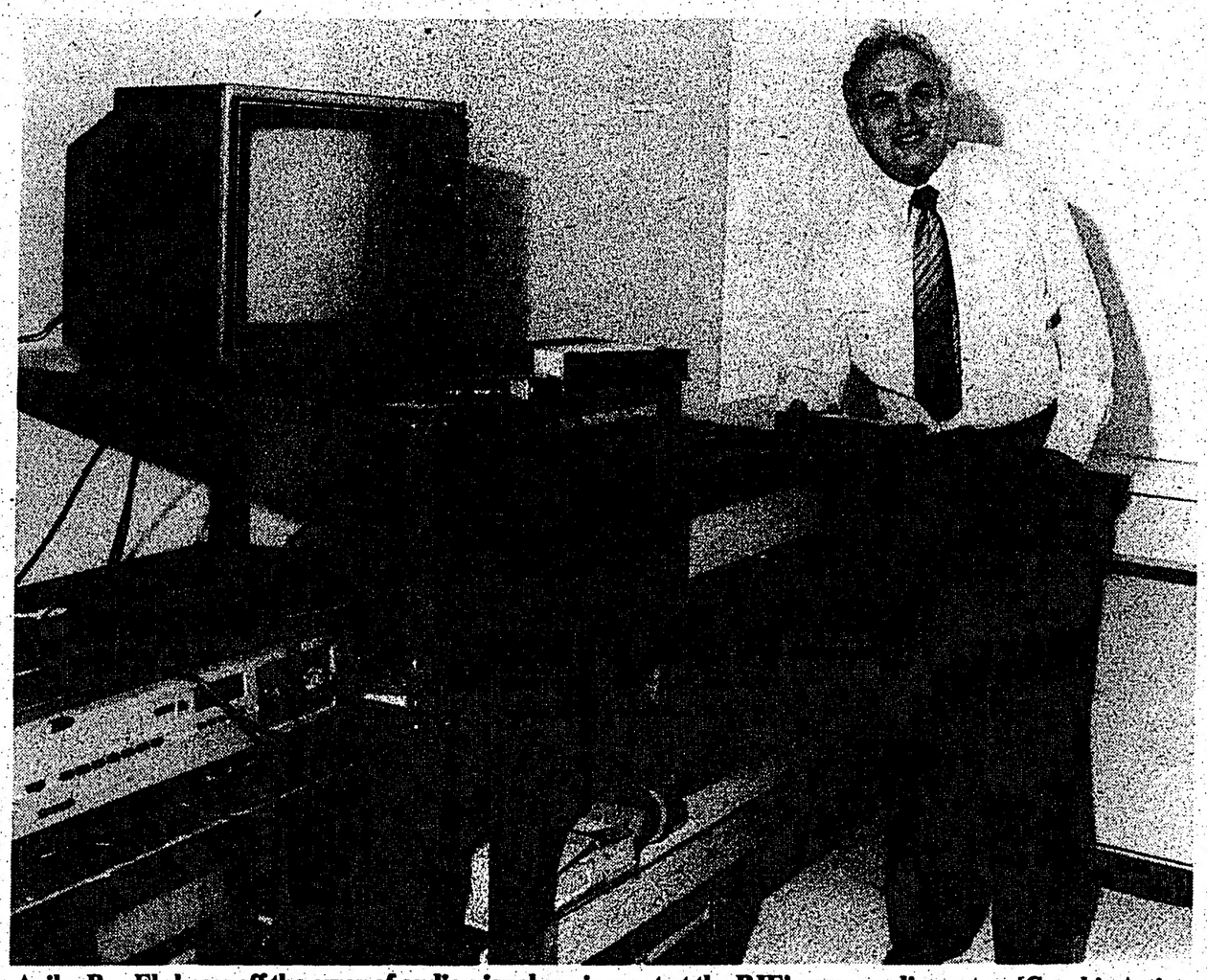
Founded by the late Joseph Shoham, an educator who was its first director from 1972 to 1980, the centre was housed then in tiny quarters at 22 Glen Park Ave.

In 1981, Israeli-born Bar-El, a Hebrew teacher who taught in Edmonton and London, Ont., and had extensive media experience, took over the directorship.

"I always enjoyed filmmaking and producing slide presentations," said Bar-El, who has a background in electronics and has produced many Jewish educational programs on various formats over the years.

"The media centre is not just a library for audio-visual software," said Bar-El. "We also provide such important services as slide copying, taping of lectures, video and audio cassette duplication, and lamination of charts and posters."

Recently two unique acquisitions were made by the centre. These include a microfiche film album with 15,000 copies of the photographs in the archives of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, and, a computer with Jewish instructional programs and games, all of which have been prepared by the Institute for Jewish Life and the Davko Corporation in Chicago.



Avihu Bar-El shows off the array of audio-visual equipment at the BJE's new media centre. [Graphic Artists photo]

Heritage of Jews includes thousand years of Yiddish

TORONTO —

"One thousand years of Jewish life was lived in Yiddish."

That's the reason Bialik education officials give for including Yiddish in the curriculum of the Toronto Jewish day school.

"Through this encounter, Jewish children gain additional insight into this aspect of their heritage," they continue.

Bialik is named for Chaim Nachman Bialik, the renowned Zionist author and educator, who envisaged a system of Jewish education founded on traditional values but oriented to life in the modern world.

Tradition, say school officials, embraces study of the original sources in Hebrew, Jewish history, and celebrations that are "the culmination of courses of study," — and the Yiddish studies.

And modern life means a general studies curriculum that adheres strictly to ministry of education guidelines, together with an emphasis on the Hebrew language as the language of the modern State of Israel — as well as a dedication to the principles of the Labor Zionist Movement, which founded the school.

The school is especially careful not to divorce the two sides of the curriculum. "An integrated approach is adopted — with a great deal of success," say school officials.

"You can find a health lesson on hygiene or nutrition reinforced on the same day by a Hebrew language lesson introducing the words of these concepts."

Parental involvement is very important. "We have a strong corps of volunteer parents who assist teachers wherever requested," staff report.

The range of interests Bialik students develop is indicated by their extracurricular activities: enthusiastic participation in Jewish National Fund drives; Bible contest successes; meetings, including a closing concert, with Toronto Symphony musicians; a dance group and choir whose preformances are among the highlights of the city-wide rikudiya and zimriya sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

JVS finds answers

Why doesn't Sarah read?

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Sarah, a grade 1 student at a Toronto Jewish day school, was having great difficulty learning to read. Her teachers felt she was capable of learning and an assessment confirmed she was of above average intelligence.

Further assessment revealed that Sarah was having trouble perceiving the forms of letters.

Sarah's teachers subsequently called a conference with her parents and a remediation specialist and as a result, the specialist, with the help of her teachers, taught Sarah to read.

According to Ruth Borchiver, a psychologist with the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) who supervises the guidance programs in Jewish day schools in Toronto, "there is no holding back Sarah now."

She says that this is only one of the many success stories attributed to JVS's educational counseling program.

Serving eight Jewish day schools, the guidance program run by JVS and funded by Toronto Jewish congress, has a specialist working in each school.

Borchiver says the program helps students who are having difficulty in one or another subject areas and also provides psychological help for students who need someone to talk to.

"We can't deny that with the rise of divorce and single parent families many students feel stress at home," Borchiver says.

She added that Jewish students are not immune to the events that cause tension in their household. "These students may become saddened by events and try to keep it in. It is helpful if we can diagnose where the trouble lies and have an open discussion."

Borchiver added that for younger students an early investigation of problems is a sound investment for the future. "Having problems in one area or another can be a lot of baggage to carry through school."

Borchiver says that the JVS team works in close harmony with the school's administration, and instead of being assessed by one person, the student can have the benefit of being assessed by people of different disciplines.

"We are in close contact with each other and with the schools," she says.

Joseph Rosenfield, principal of Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High, says that he is very pleased with the program. "There are a group of fine, sensitive people on the team and it works well for the students both educationally and emotionally."

Rabbi Marvin Pachino, principal of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) agrees that the program works very well. "If a student is floundering we refer them to a specialist and it very definitely does a lot of good," Pachino says.

Borchiver says that helping students overcome an education barrier can influence their whole life.

"Many people grow to adulthood not knowing how to read. They are very restricted in what they can do," she says.

She noted that often a child is not doing well in school because of personal problems.

"A child may be upset because she had hoped her separated parents would get back together. This could affect her school work."

After an investigation of the problem there are discussions with the child, the parents and the teachers.

"The student learns to accept the situation at home and as a result may have an easier time with school," says Borchiver.

She says there is an extended family feeling between the parents, the school and JVS.

"When everyone unites, resources are very good."

The schools in the guidance program are Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Associated Hebrew Junior High, Bialik, B'nai Akiva, CHAT, Eitz Chaim, Leo Baeck, and United Synagogue Day Schools.

Enter: new computers at USDS

TORONTO —

What a gift to get from your Mom or Dad!

Students at United Synagogue Day Schools' two branches (at the Beth Tzedec and Beth Tikvah synagogues) have just received eight of the most exciting presents kids could hope for — computers, four for each school.

And they're from the Parents Association.

Students from grades 5 through junior high are wasting no time in showing their thanks by working hard to learn the basics of computer language.

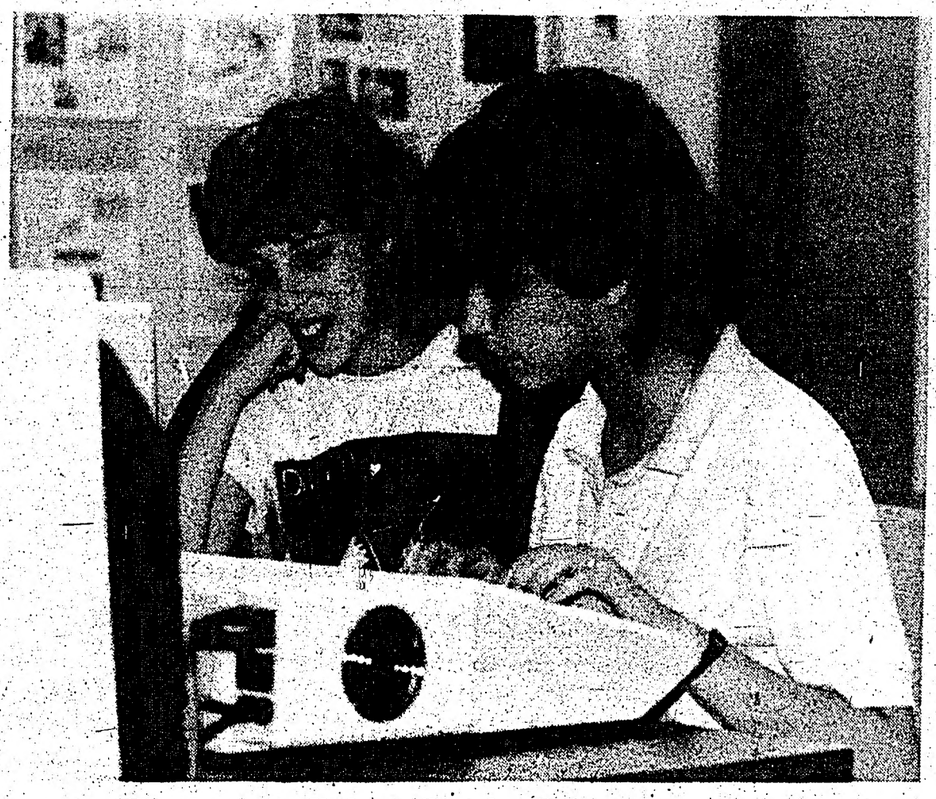
In groups of two or three, the 10- and 11-year-olds are learning Logo (a beginners' computer language) — and also learning to share ideas about problem-solving along with the hardware.

In junior high, typing has taken on a whole new appeal as the students practice their keyboard skills as they program in Basic, the most common computer language.

The Parents Association is also ensuring that the teachers will be able to stay one jump ahead of their eager pupils by covering fees for special courses on the use of computers in education.

And, say enthusiastic staffers, the potential is unlimited. They're in contact with all the agencies producing Judaica and Hebrew software in North America and Israel.

The next step is to connect printers to the computers, so that both staff and students can use English as well as Hebrew word processors.



How do you say Shalom in Basic? students at USDS ponder.

Kids enjoy no nonsense Hebrew class

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — "Aw, do I hafta go?" — a refrain only too familiar to parents trying to hustle unwilling youngsters off to religious school on a Sunday morning.

But at Temple Anshe Sholom, there's been a big change this year. If, as Myrna Dolovich, a mother of three, put it, "we've not yet reached the point where kids are running out the door (to go to Sunday school), there is now decidedly more interest in going."

It's no secret that in the past few years the school has been plagued with problems but there's been a remarkable turnaround.

Doreen Korman of Burlington, who admits it used to be "a constant battle" to get her almost 15-year-old son to Sunday school, is delighted with the change, and for CeCe Schreiber, who has two girls aged 13 and 14, the only fear is that "we may not be able to afford to keep it up."

"It's no longer a battle," agrees Julian Craft, who is completing his first year as principal here and who has effected the changes that have turned an irksome duty into a joy for most of the school's 145 students.

Craft, a history graduate of the University of Toronto with a Masters degree in education and curriculum design, is a vice-principal of Glenforest Secondary School in Mississauga. He lives in Toronto with his wife Marcia and two sons aged 21 and 18 and he says frankly that he doesn't need the additional job of commuting to Hamilton Sunday mornings and one afternoon a week.

He's doing it because he loves it. Besides, he has certain ideas of how a religious school should be run — and after 12 years of "teaching all levels at all temples in Metro Toronto," the Hamilton school offered an opportunity to put them to the test.

His prescription for Anshe Sholom was an innovative program plus discipline.

"The bottom line," he says, "is that this place is for youngsters. It's got to be an enjoyable place to be for kids to come and learn.

"I like kids," he beams and it's not hard to see that they in turn would like this jolly bear of a man with the twinkling eyes and warm and friendly manner.

Nonetheless, he won't stand for any nonsense. There's no longer any goofing off, no talking back and certainly no late coming. At the assembly on the first day of school, Craft made clear to students and parents what he expects from both.

"I'm glad he's turning the screws," says Schreiber. Discipline problems early in the year were dealt with swiftly and effectively when Craft called the parents.

His aim is to "get kids to want to come here and enjoy learning about Judaism and Reform Judaism in particular.

"We are working on identity," Craft explains. "Religion has to come from the gut and the heart as well as the head" and to gain his objective, he is using what he calls a more "imaginative" approach.

He has injected a healthy dose of singing and art and introduced such fun subjects as Jewish cooking and Jewish figures in sports. He is taking particular care with the junior program because, he says, "the primary grades are the key to the whole thing" and there is also a new pre-kindergarten class.

While the program for the middle grades has been left as it was for this year, the senior program has been drastically revised. He has also reintroduced the annotated report card.

Above all, Craft is looking for more parent participation. The bar and bat mitzvah class involves both students and parents, but most successful of all this year was a grade 9 student/parent course on the Holocaust.

Next year he wants to introduce Hebrew as part of the Sunday program (Hebrew school is separate at Anshe Sholom and not all religious school students attend); he wants to institute weekend retreats, involve parents and students in more Shabbat and holiday services and encourage youngsters to attend Reform camps in the summer.

Craft has an excellent rapport with his 22 teachers, who stay after class once a month for a professional development program. "I'm a great believer in developing our own teachers."

One enthusiastic young teacher is Sharon Dolovich, a 17-year-old graduate who teaches kindergarten. "I love it," she says. "Everybody enjoys it much more this year."

"We've done a lot of rethinking this year," says Sandra Levy, whose two boys are in grade 1 and the pre-kindergarten class. Mrs. Levy and her husband Dr. Richard Levy, an alumnus of the school, are co-chairmen of the religious school committee and they're happy with the changes.

"There's been a renaissance here."

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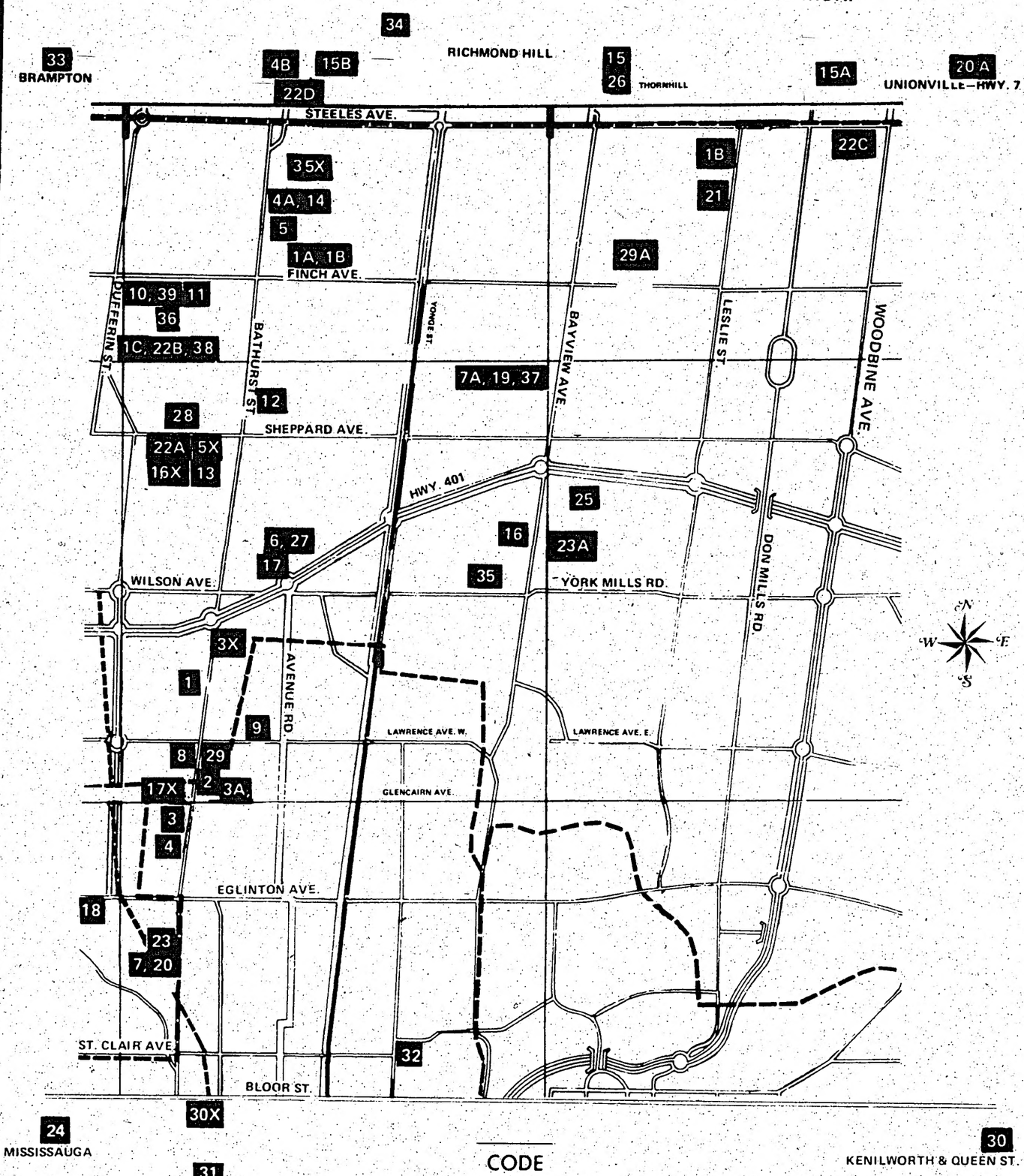

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

BJE's Malitzky is key resource

Women's new roles cause curriculum changes

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The changing role of women in Canadian society is having an impact on the Conservative and Reform segments of the Jewish school system.

As women begin to enter theological seminaries and in more and more cases become the heads of families, "these changes are having an impact on the teaching process," according to Harold Malitzky, associate director of the Board of Jewish Education.

Overseeing and helping to develop programs that reflect those changes and acting as liaison with the United Synagogue Day Schools and Conservative congregational schools are part of Malitzky's duties.

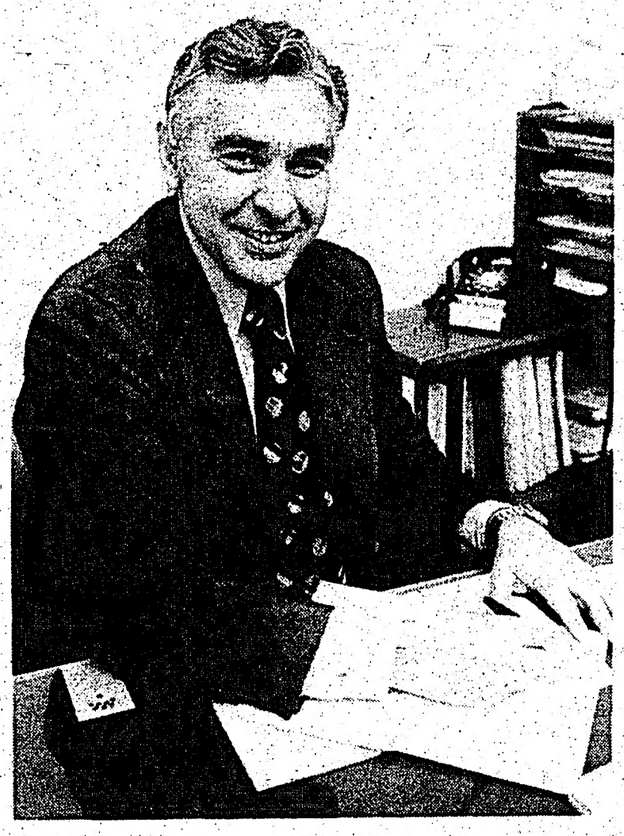
"Our concern is to organize and unify the schools and deal with joint issues," he says. "In the schools now, most textbooks are written so that the father takes the key role in the customs and ceremonies of Jewish life.

"On Shabbat the father recites the kiddush. But what do you do with single parent homes? Shouldn't the mother do that?"

The changing role of women is having repercussions in Jewish day schools today. In some schools "girls are learning the prayer services," Malitzky says.

Possible changes to allow women to participate in minyans or read the Torah are also being discussed "and this has an impact on the teaching process," he adds. "Teachers have to be sensitized to it."

With duties that include helping develop materials and programs and acting as liaison with teachers, Malitzky takes an active part in these discussions. "All (Conservative) congregational schools are meeting together to discuss and plan programs for the 1985-86 school year that will present a more egalitarian approach to religious education."



Harold Malitzky

For the 56-year-old administrator, keeping au courant with both changing social and educational trends is an important part of his work. Since one of his prime responsibilities centres on the "welfare of the 430 Hebrew teachers in the Jewish school system," Malitzky devotes much of his energy to helping them find ways to improve their teaching performance.

"We try to help the teachers improve their techniques, strategy and acquisition of knowledge. And we help plan professional development in-services at the Jewish Teachers Seminary (JTS)'" he says.

Having recently obtained his Master of Education degree from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Malitzky tries to pass on to Hebrew teachers some of the techniques he has picked up.

Hebrew teachers are strong on subject content, he says, but less so on theory and the practical methods of getting that content across.

Malitzky uses some modern educational theory — which deals with anything from the use of computers in the classroom to teaching children to read through writing — in the weekly course in classroom management he teaches under the auspices of the JTS.

Malitzky's interest in Jewish education began in the early 50s in his home town of New York. "I was concerned about the lack of traditional observance patterns among young people growing up," he says. "There was a problem of alienation of students and concern about kids not getting a Jewish education."

With a BSC and an MA from New York University, Malitzky served a number of congregations in Queens and Long Island as teacher and principal.

Accompanied by his wife Ruth, Malitzky moved to Toronto nine years ago to get into the administrative aspect of education.

As a father and grandfather, Malitzky is pleased he passed on his concerns about Jewish education to both his sons. His eldest, Larry, obtained a Hebrew teacher's certificate and taught for 10 years in New Jersey. He now works in real estate management.

His younger son, David, a deputy budget director of the department of housing preservation in New York, has also given his parents "much pride." Both sons and their wives "recognize the commitment to Jewish life and the community through their synagogues and as alumni of Yeshiva University. They're pretty much committed to Jewish life and values," he says.

Despite undergoing a quadruple heart bypass operation only six months ago, Malitzky devotes a lot of energy to his work. As a liaison with the teachers, he must "sift out applicants, check documentation and determine their level of experience and qualifications," which in turn helps determine their salaries.

And, Malitzky says, "I serve as a resource to everybody." He is constantly answering questions about teacher mobility to higher-paying job classifications or about the availability of teachers for schools as far distant as Moncton and Calgary.

As a key source of direction and information at the heart of the BJE machinery, Malitzky serves an important role in keeping the Jewish school system running smoothly.

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Ner Israel to build "self-contained community"

TORONTO —

After 25 years of teaching and learning in a ravine setting on Finch Ave. west of Bathurst, Ner Israel Yeshiva is moving further north.

By September of 1985, the yeshiva hopes to be settled into facilities on a 62-acre, $5 million campus north of Highway 7, off Bathurst.

"The project will create a self-contained education community," say proud school officials, including a Bais Hamedrash (house of study and prayer), dining room, kitchens, dormitory building, classrooms, offices, gym, lab, Hebrew and secular libraries, mikveh and 38 housing units for faculty and kollel members (graduate students).

The dormitories are necessary because all students, whether local or out-of-town, live on campus. While the majority come from Toronto, Ner Israel attracts young men from other Canadian cities and the United States, and from South America, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Iran, and even Israel.

Although the school is commonly considered to be a high school — and indeed follows the Ontario curriculum for secondary schools in its secular studies program — it is fully accredited by the Association of Advanced Rabbinic and Talmudic Schools, a national accrediting body for yeshivas in Canada and the U.S.

Its students, therefore, receive college and university credit in U.S. colleges for advanced work in the Talmud and philosophy curriculum. According to school officials, the yeshiva is currently working to obtain similar recognition of its credits by local universities.

"The core of all yeshiva studies is Talmud," say school officials. "Talmud is the font of all Jewish studies, and the basis for every aspect of Jewish literature and thought. As such, Talmud features most prominently in Ner Israel's curriculum."

But students extend their Hebrew studies to include Bible, law, philosophy and ethics — and in the areas of Hebrew language and Jewish history, which can readily be integrated within the secular curriculum, they earn high school graduation credits.

Hebrew language skills are also important, say the principals, because the great majority of students continue their studies for at least a year or two in Israel.

Because of the nature of a yeshiva education — which mandates long hours in a self-contained environment, immersed in an atmosphere of Torah study, the influence of the staff is very strong.

"The role of a surrogate father while the student is away from home for extended periods of time is a precious responsibility," says the staff, "which rebbes and teachers willingly accept."

They point out that in spite of the long hours, ministry of education reports have praised the motivation of the students — who have taken first place three times in the last seven years in university science and math contests.

And, amidst all the study, they practice what they learn: leading youth groups and visiting the sick on Shabbes.

The relationship between rebbe and students at Ner Israel Yeshiva is a close one.

Holocaust curriculum may go province-wide

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

This week, North York school trustee Elsa Chandler will present a motion calling for the development of a province-wide curriculum on the Holocaust to the annual meeting of the Association of Large School Boards of Ontario.

The motion, co-authored by Chandler and Alan Bardikoff, education chairman of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, recently received unanimous support from the North York Board.

Chandler first proposed it at the Hadassah-WIZO biennial convention held in Toronto last November.

Early in 1984, both North York and Toronto boards decided to initiate Holocaust studies in their high schools.

Chandler, a survivor of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and a native of Lwow, Poland, said the Toronto board has already developed two units on the history and modern day implications of the Holocaust for senior high school students.

She added that next fall the North York board will use a newly-developed curriculum that deals with the history and moral issues of the Holocaust. It is currently being tested and will be under the supervision of Carl Hogg, coordinator of intermediate/senior education at the North York board.

Elsa Chandler

The Holocaust curriculum for North York has been written by Bardikoff and Jane Griesdorf, a teacher at Downsview Secondary School. It will be available for optional use in a number of advanced level grade 11 and 12 courses.

"It [Holocaust studies] is a complex curriculum and you can't dump it on teachers," Chandler said. "They have to present it properly . . . the Holocaust happened before these students were born and even before some of their parents were born."

According to Chandler, the North York program is modeled after a similar Holocaust course taught in Brookline, Mass. She hopes at least 20 of North York's 160 schools will use some aspect of the Holocaust curriculum.

"We have procrastinated too long about studies on the Holocaust," Chandler said.

A discussion of a Holocaust curriculum began in North York about four years ago and was followed a year later by a special meeting of North York teachers who independently taught aspects of the Holocaust in their classrooms, she added.

"We (the North York board) hope a study of the Holocaust will prevent it from ever being repeated," Chandler explained.

"This piece of history did happen and it shouldn't happen again . . . I hope that some social values will be taught from it."

Chandler was taken to Bergen-Belsen when she was 11½ and liberated from the camp at age 13.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Rabbi, teacher, cantor all in one

Small town Jewish teachers need versatility

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Job specialization may be the norm in many segments of the population, but for some Jewish teachers, it's much better to be a jack-of-all-trades.

Outside of Ontario's major centres, small pockets of Jews live and raise their children, trying to lead Jewish lives and provide the kids with a Jewish education.

Yet some of the communities are so small, they cannot afford to hire both a rabbi and a teacher, so the people who perform these functions have to be quite versatile.

"We call them kol-boyniks," says Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz, director of the education and culture committee of the Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"The salaries the smaller communities offer is not high. They want someone to be a rabbi, a teacher and a cantor."

For many of the 2,100 children receiving a Jewish education outside Toronto, their teacher may be their synagogue's rabbi and their maftir and haftorah teacher as well. Schools are often located adjacent to, or are part of, the community synagogues.

The type, size and ideology of these schools varies substantially from community to community. Some larger centres such as Ottawa maintain sizeable day schools, while other communities rely on Sunday schools or after (public) school classes.

Student populations can vary from only 10 in small locations to about 500 in the larger ones, while the ideology can range from Liberal Reform to very Orthodox.

Obtaining teachers for some of the communities outside Toronto can present a problem for Lipsitz. As part of the Canadian Jewish Congress' voluntary association with these Jewish communities, the CJC runs a teacher-placement service, trying to bring Hebrew teachers to the communities. But a shortage of qualified teachers hampers that effort.

"In spite of all attempts to prepare teachers through seminars, university programs and summer schools in Israel, the future still looks bleak and no easy solution in sight," says a 1981 report to the CJC Ontario Region.

Finding teachers for the smaller communities such as Belleville, Sudbury, Owen Sound and Peterborough, which have anywhere from 12 to 40 Jewish families, is even more difficult. Often they have to make do with the services of "traveling teachers."

Teachers such as Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman, a columnist with The CJN, travel to some of the communities on weekends to provide the Jewish children there with the rudiments of a Jewish education, says Lipsitz.

Teaching subjects such as synagogue skills, reading and writing Hebrew, customs and ceremonies, Bible studies and Jewish history, "Gottesman imparts the foundations of Jewish culture to the kids of Owen Sound," Lipsitz says.

In Sudbury, the Jewish children look forward to the regular arrival of Rabbi Imre Balla, who makes the trip from North Bay.

The demands on these traveling teachers are high. With only two to three hours per week available to teach the kids — compared to the CJC's recommendation of at least six — teachers must do the best they can under difficult circumstances.

Dr. Edmond Lipsitz

To help them and others become better teachers, the CJC provides consultation services and in-service programs.

Every two years the education and culture department of the CJC organizes a regional conference for professionals and lay people involved in Jewish education. The conference promotes an exchange of views on how to improve Jewish education and deal with problems in the system.

And, says Lipsitz, at least once a year he or one of his education department colleagues "go to schools and classes to observe and evaluate and provide consultation on how to improve the quality of teaching and textbooks."

It's another part of the CJC's ongoing program to promote Jewish education and culture in Jewish communities.

Integrate curriculum says Baeck educator

TORONTO —
Why are children in a math class learning about 2,000-year-old rituals at the Temple in Jerusalem?

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"A math teacher may teach about percentages by teaching tithing in Temple times," explains Rabbi David Katz, assistant director of Judaic/Hebrew studies.

And as for the unconventional seating arrangements, they are part of the school's open approach.

"There are no teachers' desks or charts set up in rigid rows," Katz says. "Students move from place to place within each room or sit at tables, depending upon what learning experience they encounter."

But lack of rigidity does not mean lack of respect. "All teachers lead the morning prayers and the children see every teacher as a Jewish role model," Katz points out.

The school focuses on the individual, he says, because "respect for the total person and regard for the individual are the hallmark of Reform Judaism.

"The children come to understand that only an informed and committed Jew can confront the options which today's world presents. The role of the school is to present the criteria by which choices can be made so that the child becomes sensitive to his responsibilities, learns to love his obligations and clings to the mitzvot."

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

New Orthodox day school takes a Zionist approach

TORONTO —

Netivot HaTorah, Toronto's newest Jewish day school, will open its doors this fall in three classrooms at Beth David Bnai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

Starting out with junior and senior kindergarten and grade 1, the school plans to add one grade a year.

The idea for the school grew from discussions among a group of parents of pre-schoolers who felt a need for an Orthodox Zionist elementary school for their youngsters. When 150 parents turned out for an information meeting last fall, they knew they were not alone.

Led by two young rabbis, Elliot Diamond and Jon Bloomberg, both of whom teach in the Talmud department at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, they set about the difficult task of getting the project on the road.

First came the philosophy: a commitment to the practice as well as the learning of halacha; a commitment to Hebrew both as the language of the sacred texts and as the national language of the Jewish people; and a strong identification with the State of Israel.

Then the practicalities: the location, just off Bathurst south of Sheppard, was chosen because it is right at the demographic centre of the Jewish community, and the facilities include a gym and an outdoor play area.

And finally the teaching staff — the key, says Diamond, chairman of the education committee to the school.

He and Bloomberg, vice-president of Netivot HaTorah, looked for teachers "who could develop a child's natural sense of curiosity, who could teach them how to learn as well as what to learn."

Lynda Greenberg, the senior kindergarten teacher, has developed her curriculum around the concept of classroom learning centres in areas such as Shabbat, aleph bet, and pre-reading, math and science skills. Each child can learn at his or her own pace.

Grade 1 teacher Rina Newman's goal is to make her students feel comfortable with a second language. She uses as little English in the classroom as possible — cheerfully resorting to charades if necessary to get her ideas across.

But if the concepts are too difficult for the children, she will use English to ensure that they understand.

Everybody knows the answer to a question posed by teachers Gila Leaman and Aviva Brenner during a Hebrew lesson at Shaar Shalom religious school.

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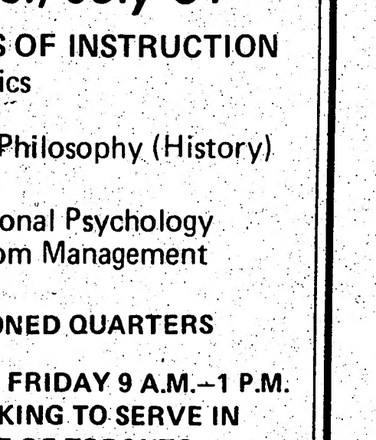

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

1984 marks chai for Beth Tikvah

Learning can be fun, foundation for the future

TORONTO — "Although every day can't be a Purim carnival, Jewish learning can be fun, and a foundation for a Jewish future," says Malka Mirsky, principal of Beth Tikvah Congregational School.

This year marks "chai" for the school, which has been serving the Jewish community for 18 years.

Beth Tikvah Congregational School is an integral part of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. For various programs, students make use of the chapel and the sanctuary, thus putting into practice the skills they learn in the classroom.

"We strive to educate our young people to understand and be able to participate in the Jewish community. As our students grow in knowledge, they will develop a sense of pride and commitment to our Jewish heritage," says Mirsky.

The teachers are all certified by the Board of Jewish Education. The curriculum includes the study of Hebrew language, Israel, Jewish history, holidays and customs, as well as tefillah, Torah and tzedakah.

The school is divided into seven departments, five of which span the years from kindergarten to post-grade 10, and two special divisions: advanced stream Hebrew for students fluent in the language, and Tikvath Hayim education for the learning disabled.

Although the school is under the auspices of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, it is open for registration to the general community.

"We are proud of the reputation our school has earned," Mirsky says. "Some of our students are now active leaders in the Jewish community. Beth Tikvah Congregational School has helped them develop a sense of self-worth and pride in their Jewish identity."

For more information about Beth Tikvah Congregational School, call Malka Mirsky, educational director at 221-5083.

It's carnival time for students at Beth Tikvah Congregational School.

Extra study pays off for students at DJCS

TORONTO — "You want to give my drasha next Shabbes?"

That was Rabbi Eliot Feldman's somewhat startled response when grade 5 and 6 students of the Downtown Jewish Community School correctly answered a particularly difficult Bible question with apparent ease and with more than a little self-confidence.

The setting was the championship round of the Toronto Bible Contest, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education (CJN March 27). Despite stiff competition, particularly from Beth Tzedec, B'nai Avraham and Temple Emanu-El, the DJCS won the contest and team members were awarded prizes by Israeli vice-consul Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu.

DJCS team members Naomi Marrus, Jonathan Weisstub, Renzo Sack, Deborah Schoenfeld, and team leader Daniel Ziegler had in the preceeding months volunteered to study weekly after school with their teacher Ruth Stransky. Frequently they come to school early to study Torah in a unique way — on a specially programmed computer.

But the team's ace-in-the-hole was Deborah Schoenfeld, an 11-year-old Bible student extraordinaire who won the English division of the Canadian National Bible Contest, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation, in Montreal last spring, and who placed 1st in the 1984 Ontario regional contest.

In comparison to many of the 15 supplementary schools which participated in the local Bible contest, the DJCS is a relative newcomer. Formed by a group of parents in 1979, the school now has 125 students at 9 grade levels from junior kindergarten through grade 7. Classes are held after school and on Sundays at the Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Branch. The school is visibly active in community affairs.

Current board chairperson Jerome Shore was delighted with the school win. "Winning the local Bible contest demonstrates how successful a school with heavy parent involvement can be when it is based on the commonly shared objective of transmitting a strong Jewish identity to our children," he said.

At a recent school assembly, Principal Joan Schoenfeld — Deborah's mother — presented calligraphy certificates and books to all the DJCS students who studied for the Ontario regional and Toronto local Bible contests.

Schoenfeld told assembled students and parents that "the Bible contest is different from other competitions because winning isn't the most important thing, even for the winner. The most important thing is the enthusiasm the students acquire for studying Torah — the book at the very core of Judaism.

"These children, I'm proud to say, have asked their teacher Ruth Stransky to continue extra Bible study with them after school. That's how I know they've all been successful and that's also how I know that their teacher must be very special too."

Will the DJCS Bible students be giving Rabbi Feldman's drasha? Not next Shabbes, but some day . . . who knows?

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MP Jim Peterson, 2nd from left, presents check for $128,819.50 to Board of Jewish Education chairman Sheila Freeman, as Rabbi Irwin Witty [left] BJE educational director, and Bernard Shoub, director of school finances, look on. The grant is part of funding under Multiculturalism Canada's cultural enrichment program for heritage language classes.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

"We hope to encourage a good self image"

Students at nursery school learn valuable skills

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

We have come a long way from the conception that nursery school is just a babysitting service. Nor is it a place to "park" your child before he or she turns 5 and is off to "real" school — kindergarten.

A recent study of four Jewish nursery schools indicates that 3-year-olds are learning many valuable skills — socialization, creativity, cognitive skills, exploration, experimentation, problem solving, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Combine that with emphasis on Yiddishkeit and you can be sure your youngsters will come home with an awareness of Shabbat, holidays, Hebrew phraseology and many prayers.

Thornhill's Temple Har Zion, located on Bayview Ave. south of John St., follows a Reform program and has been operating one nursery class in the morning and one junior Kindergarten class in the afternoon since 1979. The Temple will offer an additional nursery and junior kindergarten class in September.

Founded five years ago by Celia Stroh, wife of Temple Har Zion's spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Stroh, the school is a parent-participation program in which parents have the opportunity to act as assistant teachers while watching their children develop. It is also a way of keeping costs down.

"Our aim is to create a warm, loving and happy atmosphere for the children in which to learn through play, song, games and crafts," says Susan Polakow, supervisor of Temple Har Zion's preschool program.

Strong emphasis falls on crafts, puzzles, music, alphabet and number recognition, water play, media experimentation and class outings.

"All trips revolve around themes," says Polakow. "Before Succoth, we visit a farm and pick vegetables. Around Purim, we visit a puppet theatre. We also go to the library and screen films every month and visit a fire station and a park. These excursions open up their minds while making them aware of the world around them."

The Temple Har Zion nursery school places strong emphasis on Judaism and comes under the direct supervision of Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb, who is in charge of the Religious School. He visits both nursery and junior kindergarten classes regularly, especially on Shabbat and holidays, as does a Hebrew teacher.

"Judaica is instilled on a daily basis through crafts, song, prayer, stories, plays and a mock seder," said Gottlieb.

All eyes are on the story as supervisor Susan Polakow reads to a nursery class at Temple Har Zion. Teacher Brenda Horenfeldt seems to like the story too. [Graphic Artists photo]

Eitz Chaim Schools operates a preschool program at the Patricia and Viewmount branches, as well at a new site which opened this past year at Thornhill's Spring Farm, off Clarke St.

"We hope to turn these children on to learning emotionally and open their minds intellectually," says Rabbi Shneyer Weinberg, senior principal of Eitz Chaim.

"Even though play is an important aspect, we want them to learn about our strictly Orthodox tradition and involve them in Torah learning and observance of the laws. Many of the crafts focus on the Torah portion of the week and the ritual of Shabbat," added the rabbi.

Beverly Kirsh, coordinator of the preschool and elementary department of the United Synagogue Day Schools, Bathurst Branch, says that the program for 3- and 4-year olds tries to allow children to achieve maximum potential.

"We hope to encourage a good self-image, provide opportunity for development through first hand experiences in social relationships, develop physical skills and coordination, and encourage them to think, analyze and solve problems," said Kirsh.

According to Esther Gold, Hebrew Studies vice-principal of USDS, Bathurst and Bayview branches (Beth Tzedec and Beth Tikvah), the nursery school level is a time to introduce a "hands on" knowledge of Judaism and Hebrew through song, holidays, Shabbat, artwork, and language.

"Our aim is to provide an integral, organic approach to education in which general and Jewish studies naturally combine," Gold said.

The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto will operate a total of 19 nursery and junior kindergarten classes in its Beth Hayeled program this fall located in four branches.

"The demand is so great that children have to be enrolled virtually before they are born," says Ruth Kurtz, supervisor of the morning program. "There is always a waiting list and we can fill as many classes as we open."

Ezra provides special needs

TORONTO —

Next month is Michael's bar mitzvah. What makes this simcha so special is that just a short time ago Michael's parents thought their son would never read Hebrew. Michael has learning problems.

But Michael's parents found out that children with learning problems need not be deprived of a Jewish education. They enrolled him at the Ezra Supplementary Hebrew School, established 20 years ago specifically to teach Judaism to children who have difficulty learning.

Led by Rabbi Joseph Kelman and supported by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, its founders were insistent that all Jewish children, regardless of their capacity to learn, should have the opportunity to experience their heritage.

Today Ezra meets twice a week in the Shearim building at 200 Wilmington Ave. in North York. A child does not need previous Hebrew or supplementary school experience in order to join the Ezra classroom.

Each child at Ezra is given a great deal of individual attention and encouraged to learn at his or her own pace, say school officials.

The curriculum at Ezra emphasizes Hebrew reading and language, the Jewish festivals and their laws and customs. In addition, the children eventually master what knowledge is needed to prepare for their bar or bat mitzvah.

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Aside from its main purpose as a supplementary school, Ezra offers additional services. Ezra's teachers are equipped with the skills and instruments that enable them to diagnose a child's specific learning difficulty, school officials explain.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Biggest Jewish day school in world

Associated's growth fills vital community need

TORONTO —

Associated Hebrew Schools just keeps on getting bigger and better, say proud school officials.

Associated traces its growth from 25 students in 1942 to over 3,000 students presently enrolled in its elementary and junior high divisions, and has become the biggest Jewish day school in the world.

"The growth of Associated indicates that the school fills a vital need in our community," says Rabbi Akiva Egozi, educational director. "It's education is all-embracing, and its environment is traditional, yet modern."

The Associated is dedicated to educating the whole child. Its dual program synthesizes both modern secular education and traditional and contemporary Hebraic studies.

Half the school day is conducted entirely in Hebrew. Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, Tanach, Talmud and the laws and customs of our people constitute the curriculum.

The other half day is devoted to the general studies program, which follows the guidelines of the Ontario ministry of education as used in public schools.

The pupils meet and often surpass the standards required by the ministry, Egozi says.

A curriculum for gifted students is being developed for implementation under the guidance of a consultant, in order to meet more adequately the needs of those students.

Instruction is provided from nursery to grade 9.

At the Associated, the educational director stresses, each child is an individual as well as a community member. The school strives to give him the attention he requires both in his formal studies and in the development of his personality so that he may make the most of his potential.

Associated has published an extensive Hebrew curriculum, which has been purchased by over 400 day schools in North America. Study guides for Tanach as well as other educational materials have also been produced.

In general studies, Associated covers, in a half day, the materials and instruction of a full day at the public school. Because of additional student responsibilities and the accelerated time schedule, emphasis is put on good work habits and organization.

Both subject matter and educational methods are constantly under review, and innovative approaches are encouraged.

Associated also has special classes in Hebrew and English and tutorial services for children of recently arrived Russian immigrants.

In junior high, formal courses in art, orchestral music, industrial arts, kosher cooking and sewing are offered. Where possible, these courses are offered in Hebrew.

The school has several branches: a main centre at Bathurst and Neptune; the Nathan and Roey Hurwich Education Centre; and the Leslie Education and Recreation Campus which opened the north wing in September 1983 for over 800 students from nursery to grade 5.

Construction has restarted on the centre wing which will include additional classes, a cafeteria, auditorium, gymnasium, indoor pool and library.

Chanukah is really a traditional children's celebration and the grade 6 students of the Associated Hebrew Schools shared the spirit of the festival by bringing joy to the older adults of Pine Villa, a residence for independent retirement. From left are Mark Vogal, Shimmy Wenner, Esther Feldman, Sari Smith, supervisor Irving Eisner and Tiffany Joy Kazushner. [Mary Mashinter photo]

Shaareh Haim keeps growing

TORONTO —

In the late 1970s, a group of young families residing in Richmond Hill, on the outskirts of Metropolitan Toronto, realized that the establishment of a Hebrew school was essential if Jewish traditions and heritage were to be transmitted to their children.

At that time, Jews formed a small minority within the community, and the school began with a dozen students. Today, the Jewish community has extended through Thornhill and Richmond Hill and beyond, and Shaareh Haim Hebrew School (formerly Richmond Hill Congregational Hebrew School) has an enrolment of 110 students in junior kindergarten through grade 6.

Shaareh Haim Hebrew School is associated with Congregation Shaareh Haim, a Conservative congregation. The school is affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and follows the curriculum of the United Synagogue of America.

Special attention is given to students with special needs, should they be enrichment or remedial, Principal Pnina Spetgang points out. Special provisions are made for students without any Hebrew background.

Teachers at Shaareh Haim are certified in Hebrew and Judaica studies; as well, many of the school's teachers hold Ontario teaching certificates.

Says Spetgang, "It's important for everyone to feel part of the greater Jewish community of Toronto, so Shaareh Haim students take part in a variety of events sponsored by the BJE, such as the zimria and rikudia. This year, one student entered the Jewish Book Month essay contest and received a creativity award for her work. Last year, the Shaareh Haim team placed first in the Metro Toronto Bible Contest.

Each year, as the school has grown, an additional grade has been added. It is important, says Spetgang to emphasize that the bar or bat mitzvah is not the end, but the beginning, of a Jewish education: "One must continue to learn more about his or her heritage, roots and traditions. As the teen years approach, the students are more mature and have the ability and skills to cope with more mature issues of concern to the Jewish community."

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Anxious She'arim waits for affiliation with BJE

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — She'arim Hebrew Day School is a cheerful place — full of optimism for the future of its students.

This year, it has a special hope for its own future — that it will become a full-fledged affiliate of the Board of Jewish Education.

The school is recognized and supported by the BJE. But it's not yet affiliated because it doesn't meet the board's enrolment criterion of 100 students.

Elaine Rubinoff, principal of She'arim, pointed out that although the school put in an application in January it is still waiting for an answer.

"We hope that because we're a special school the conditions will be waived. Once we're affiliated with the board we can apply to the Toronto Jewish Congress for a community subsidy," Rubinoff told The Canadian Jewish News in a recent interview.

The 4-year-old Downsview-based school for Jewish children with learning disabilities opened its first grade 1 class last September, and this February, a second grade 2 class.

No funds from the province

Presently, 27 students in grades 1-8 are taught on an individual basis at She'arim, which is housed at the Wilmington Public School, 200 Wilmington Ave.

She'arim receives no funding from the province because Bill 82 requires that public schools provide special education. The needs of Jewish children could, technically, be met by these classes, Rubinoff explained. But she believes many parents still want a day school setting for their children with learning disabilities.

She also claimed some parents felt their youngsters weren't adequately served in the public school special education classes. "Principals in public schools are not specially trained to supervise the special ed classes available in these schools, while our staff is," she said.

In addition, Rubinoff noted that She'arim has a lower teacher to pupil ratio than public school special education classes. For core subjects such as Hebrew language, reading and math, the teacher - student ratio is from 1-1 to 5-1.

She'arim's hours are 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays — a full school day — and half of the program is devoted to Judaic studies with emphasis on the Bible, Hebrew language, and Jewish laws and customs; there is even a rabbi on staff, Rabbi Zev Berkowitz.

The students come from a wide diversity of religious backgrounds, from non-committed to ultra-Orthodox. That makes our school unique, because special ed programs in Montreal, New York and Baltimore are geared for pupils from very religious Jewish backgrounds, Rubinoff said.

The rest of the curriculum includes reading, math, social studies, with a heavy emphasis on writing skills.

Children are also offered instruction in "instrumental enrichment," a program developed by the internationally renowned psychologist Dr. Reuven Feuerstein. It helps children organize throughts and encourages them to apply analysis to all aspects of learning and living.

Growing need for school

Dori Levine, a teacher at She'arim trained with Feuerstein. She has applied IE to the curriculum and taught it to the school's six other instructors during professional development days.

She'arim was founded in response to a growing need to provide for Jewish children with learning disabilities. It started with seven students at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, thanks to the efforts of Rabbi Joseph Kelman, the shul's spiritual leader, and Rabbi Irwin Witty, director of the Board of Jewish Education in Toronto.

Six months later, with an enrolment of nine students in grades 5, 6, and 7, She'arim moved to its present site.

In 1982, a second year class was started, and Rubinoff, who had just moved to Toronto from New York, was hired as She'arim's coordinator and principal.

Rubinoff, who holds two degrees — one in elementary education and one in special education — served for 16 years with the New York City Board of Education. In addition to eight years as a special education teacher, she spent three years as a diagnostician for children with learning disabilities.

She estimates that as many as 12% of Jewish children have learning disabilities. "If not properly diagnosed these youngsters may be classified as lazy or inattentive and they'll often see themselves as fallures as they fall further behind in school," she said.

By first grade a learning disabled child will tune out or become distracted from difficult subjects and the next year the youngster will either retreat into himself/herself or try to cope with school by getting attention as the class clown, Rubinoff explained.

According to Rubinoff, teachers sometimes expect their students to be at the middle or high level of functioning because they feel they won't be able to finish their curriculum if they spend too much time with the slower learning group.

Rubinoff said that at She'arim each program is highly individualized and each child works at his or her own level. She added that unlike regular schools there's no competition among students because all She'arim pupils have some learning problem and are helpful to each other.

According to Rubinoff, individuals with learning disabilities are not freed from their difficulties even if they advance in some areas.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Bnei Akiva alumni

Toronto graduates gather in Israel for reunion

By TOBY KLEIN GREENWALD

TORONTO —

Imagine a typical high school reunion in Israel.

The alumni come from Jerusalem and Haifa, from Petah Tikva and from Hebron, from Kiryat Shemona on the Lebanese border and from the Negev.

They come from yeshivot and universities, from women's colleges and from kibbutzim, from engineer's offices and from army bases.

So what's so special?

Only this: the alumni are all graduates of Toronto's Yeshivat Or Chaim for Boys and Ulpanat Orot for Girls.

More than 50 former students of these Bnei Akiva schools are presently in Israel, close to 30 of that number on permanent aliya.

Since the schools were founded 10 years ago, the vast majoirty of graduates have spent some time in the Holy Land upon completion of their studies.

Some go for a year. Or two. Or three — long enough for intensive yeshiva studies.

And some go for a lifetime.

Such is the case with Mindy Wenner Ajzner, a two-time Canada Bible contest winner, who graduated with honors recently from Jerusalem College for Women (the Michlala).

Before graduation, Mindy spent a year back in Toronto where she studied at York University and returned to teach at the Ulpana, "passing the torch" to the next generation.

This passing of the torch from friend to friend, sibling to sibling, has become a tradition of Or Chaim and the Ulpana.

Mindy's brother David, for example, is at Yeshivat Maale Adumim in the Judean desert.

Her transition to Israeli life was made easier by the fact that Rabbi Binyamin Tabory — a former Rosh Yeshiva at Or Chaim and Mindy's teacher at the Ulpana — and his wife welcomed her into their home in Gush Etzion when she was new in the country.

"That's what it is — a family type of school," says her mother, Rosalie Wenner, who is very proud of her children.

"Now Mindy's home, in Israel with her husband Ian, who teaches at Rabbi Tabory's yeshiva), and son Yeshayahu, has in turn become a home away from home for Or Chaim and Ulpana students in Israel."

The Taborys are one example of an arrangement unique to Bnei Akiva schools; almost the entire Hebrew staff are shlichim (exchange teachers) who create a human bridge for their students who come to Israel.

Where else in North America can one study under rebbes who have worn the uniform of the Israeli army in addition to the mantel of the Talmud scholar? [And sometimes the robes of the university student as well!]

Being taught about the centrality of Jerusalem to Jewish life takes on new meaning when one's teacher not only lived and learned there, but liberated the city in the Six Day War!

Yechiel Glustein of Montreal also sees the Israeli staff as a component vital to the schools' success.

His voice resounds with pride when he speaks of his son, Yossi, who, since his graduation in 1980, has managed to study in Yeshivat Hakotel, participate in the government Mahal program, and, like Mindy, spend a year back in Toronto, where he worked for Bnei Akiva while attending the U of T as a scholarship student.

Yossi sees the complete fulfilment of Jewish life "only in Eretz Yisrael," and he is living his ideal. Yossi has made aliya, and is studying to be a doctor at Hadassah Medical School.

And then there's Sharon Schwartz, Yossi's fiancee, up north in Kiryat Shemona, who spends her mornings assisting in an elementary school English language program and her afternoons at the local community centre for disadvantaged children, doing everything from bathing toddlers to helping adolescents with their homework.

Sharon is the first North American to be a part of the official Sherut Leumi program — an alternate form of Israeli national service for religious girls.

Her letters could almost be the letters of any first year college student or working girl, with the usual excitement about decorating the apartment and cooking experiments.

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Sharon's view on her way to work is not of high rise apartment or office buildings, but on the high rising mountains of Lebanon.

Will the idealism of Mindy and Sharon and Yosi and all the others like them draw their families across the ocean to them?

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So imagine, if you will, a typical high school reunion.

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Sharon Schwartz [right] with a friend, Margolit, at the Good Fence by the Lebanese border.

Nursery school helps children develop trust

TORONTO —

A nursery school is a child's first step away from home.

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The school is licensed by the provincial government and has a certified staff.

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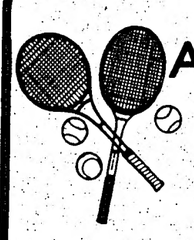

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REPORT ON EDUCATION

Heritage of Sephardim stressed

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One concrete result has been the publication recently of the first volume of a projected series on the biographies of Sephardic "chachamim" (sages).

The volume, which includes biographies of both the Rambam (Maimonides) as well as Don Isaac Abrabanel, was researched and written by the students.

In addition, the students recently completed various artistic murals and projects depicting everything from a typical Sephardic Pesach Seder to the garments worn by the Kohen Gadol. (These latter are life-size replicas which were handsewn by the grade five and six girls.) The exhibition is on display at Petah Tikvah Synagogue, 20 Danby Avenue.

The extended hours of Or Haemet's unique afternoon program for preschoolers provide a valuable service to the ever-increasing number of working mothers, say school officials.

Or Haemet has had a 40% increase in school population over the past year. Enrolment is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anyone interested in the school should contact the school office at 481-1176 during school hours.

KIDS LOVE TO MOVE

Shaareh Haim senior kindergarten teacher Dalia Mesheram leads her class in an Israeli folkdance.

Chesed ranks very high at Beth Jacob School

TORONTO —

There is a bulletin board in the main hall of Beth Jacob High School for Girls. Like other school bulletin boards, it carries notices of lectures and meetings, synagogue and community events.

But what covers every nook and cranny of the board, fluttering as the girls rush from lab to library to classroom, is an array of thank-you notes — from patients in hospitals; from families here and in Israel who have been helped with donations; from young mothers who've received the most precious gift of all — a few hours of time while their little ones are looked after lovingly.

All students at Beth Jacob are committed to a program of extracurricular activity based on "gemiluth chesed" [bestowing kindness]. Under the guidance of their teachers, the girls organize the projects themselves, and, say staff, "they perform with enthusiasm and vigor."

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Students study a full range of Hebrew and secular subjects. The secular curriculum follows Ontario ministry guidelines, and in Hebrew "the Torah is studied as a vital guide for contemporary life," together with the intimate details of Jewish history, Jewish law, and the prophets.

As a member of the staff points out: "The most forceful illustration of Beth Jacob's spiritual and academic distinction is its graduates. Some of these young women are now successful university graduates; others are dedicated teachers; many are devoted wives and mothers. All embody the beautiful and profound values of Torah Judaism."

Ani m'daber Ivrit

TORONTO —

"Many potential olim have first found their motivation at the Keren Hatarbut Institute on Marlee Ave.," says a letter to the Hebrew language institute from Shirley Karbin.

She should know. As she says in her letter, her son and daughter are among them.

Israel has just completed his military service and is about to enter the Technion. Miriam and her husband, who live in Tverya, are about to become parents of the Karbins' first sabra grandchild.

And Shirley and her husband Menard will be on their way to join them as soon as it's feasible.

Karbin's letter, say Institute officials, illustrates the particular relationship between the learning of Hebrew and aliya.

"Hebrew links the Jew with his or her people. It is the common denominator of Jews throughout the world," says director Joseph Klinger.

Adds chairman Helen Smolack: "The continuously expanding numbers of adults and teenagers who attend the courses attest to the fact that learning to speak Hebrew is a stimulating and soul-satisfiying venture."

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Arts

An original etching crafted by award-winning artist Charles Raab was presented to Canadian Pioneer Women Na'amat. Pearl Mekler, left, and artist's mother Edith Raab accept the work. [Graphic Artists photo]

Pioneer-Women honor award-winning artist

TORONTO —

The Toronto executive of Pioneer Women Na'amat honored award-winning artist George Raab recently at a reception in the North York home of Frances and Marvin Mandell.

A new work, which will hang in the Canada Na'amat Centre in Petach Tikva, Israel, was unveiled in the presence of the artist's mother, Edith, and his sisters, Elizabeth Eisen and Cathy Winegust.

Raab has dedicated this piece to the memory of his father, Charles Raab, who, together with his wife, fought in the French Resistance during World War II.

The framed etching, which measures 22 inches by 28 inches, depicts Moshe Shmel Raab, great-uncle of the artist, defending the colony of Petach Tikva, the first Jewish agricultural settlement in Palestine, which he helped found in 1878. Members of the Raab family reside there to this day.

In the sepia-toned work, crafted in the intaglio process, Moshe Raab is shown as he appeared in 1921, still wearing the garb and sensitive expression of a shtetl Jew.

The viewer is taken aback by the incongruity of a gun slung over his shoulder . . . a belt of cartridges across his chest.

Equal importance is given to the land he guards, with its rocky terrain in the foreground and the Judean Hills behind him.

Marilyn Myers, president of Toronto Pioneer Women, expressed appreciation with a certificate and photograph acknowledging the spiritual adoption, in the name of George Raab, of a parentless child in a Na'amat home in Israel.

In a moving acceptance, Raab told how deeply affected he was by the experience of researching and executing his latest work.

Edith Raab will present the etching at the opening of the Canada Na'amat Centre on May 25, during a Pioneer Women tour of Israel.

The multi-purpose social service complex will be a centre for the entire community of Petach Tikva (gateway to hope), from infancy to later years.

The ground floor is devoted to the Head Start day care program, which will be operated by a full professional staff from 6.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with hot meals provided, for children 3 months to 5 years old.

The second floor facilities will offer vocational training and guidance for adolescents, adult education, legal aid, crisis information, cultural programs and a full range of activities for all ages.

Toronto convenors for this project, Ruth Leroy and Frances Mandell, paid tribute to Raab for his art, which is included in public and private collections throughout Europe and North America.

Of the limited edition of 30, a second will be presented to the Petach Tikva Museum. The others will be for sale through Pioneer Women in support of the Canada Na'amat Centre.

Information is available from the Toronto office (416) 636-5425 or the national office in Montreal (514) 735-6253.

Musical course offered

TORONTO —

The Leah Posluns theatre school is presenting a course in musical theatre July 9-26.

Classes, which run all day, Monday to Thursday, will involve acting, dancing and singing under the direction of Joel Greenberg.

Greenberg has extensive credits as a director, choreographer, writer and teacher in both musical and non-musical theatre. He was the recipient of two awards in 1983: the Dora Award for best direction for Ain't Misbehavin' and a Chalmers Award for the best 1-act children's play The Nuclear Power Show.

The course will train students in preparing a monologue, teach dance routines for audition purposes and provide instruction and practice in harmony, cold readings, sight readings and the rehearsal process.

Deadline for applications is May 23. An audition and interview is required.

For more information, contact Rose Dubin at 636-1880, ext. 230 or 243.

Singers shine at Waxman benefit

Brother-sister duo steals show

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —

"The Bests are the best."

While the lineup of entertainers at the Sara & Al Waxman Shaare Zedek benefit on Yom Ha'atzmaut Eve included such medium-level celebrities as singer - songwriter Carol Connors (lyricist of the 1981 hit To Know Him is to Love Him) as well as Cagney & Lacey stars Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly, it was the Toronto brother-sister duo Andrew and Donna Best who stole the show and really excited the audience.

Not only are they a superior Peaches & Herb (or for that matter, Marvin & Tammy), blending melodic vocal harmonies with magnetic audience charisma, but, more important for this function, this Black Canadian duet provided the only significant Israeli content of the evening (whose purpose, after all, was to give a hefty boost to Jerusalem's Hospital with a Heart): the best English-language rendition yet of the Israeli 1979 Eurovision first prizewinner, Hallelujah.

This contemporary jivey-swing big-band version, backed up by the Howard Cable Orchestra, should be recorded and it would become an automatic Top 10 hit.

The Bests' sweet-soul vocal treatment of the chorus refrain is a knockout. Better than a thousand speeches, a Best recording of Hallelujah would do wonders for Israel's popularity on this side of the ocean. Program coordinators Joey Miller, Stephan Witkin and Karen McCartney deserve high praise for including the Bests.

After the Bests, the two entertainers who attracted the most enthusiastic audience ovation were Wayne & Shuster and Maureen Forrester for their nostalgic Jewish humor.

The Wayne & Shuster comedy duo put on a rare, wonderful demonstration of their crack ability as entirely-Yiddish language comedians, with one of the best affectionate roasts ever told: all in the mamaloshen.

And Maureen Forrester's delightful Kurt Weill-style waltz about kishkes, bagels and other delicious soul food goodies evoked congenial lightheartedness.

While Carol Connors was adequately appropriate (with her cute paraphrasing of her dedication of her big aforementioned 1961 hit to the Waxmans), she should have performed at least one of her more recent songs in order to present the full capacity of her talents. Some of her introductory patter ("do you know who Placido Domingo is") evoked groans.

Poor timing within the total content of the program blurred the impact potential of one of Toronto's most gifted show singers, Kathy Michael McGlynn. Her opening two selections, in which she sang her heart out, came far too early, when the audience was still settling into their places. And during her closing trio number with the Bests, the premiere of a major song from the forthcoming Stephen Witkin-Joey Miller musical Ye Gods, much of the audience, which had just heard Al Waxman's inspiring appreciation speech, was beginning to leave.

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books

By BERNARD BASKIN

From a Ruined Garden: The Memorial Books of Polish Jewry. Edited and translated by Jack Kugelmass and Jonathan Boyarin. Schocken, $18.95 [U.S.]

It is told that when the Nazis were about to murder the Jews of Koriv, the victims agreed that if anyone survived the massacre he would come to the graves of the others and shout down to them proclaiming the end of Hitler.

Alas, no graves were dug for the slain. And the few survivors did not remain on Polish soil. Instead they lovingly fashioned a yizker-bukh, a memorial volume, that set down the history of the town, the names of those killed and the ordeal of the Nazi depredations. Such a book was a kind of tombstone in words.

From the beginning of this century to the tragic years of the Holocaust more than 500 such yizker-bikher have been written by residents and surivors of small Jewish towns in Eastern Europe. These unique volumes in Hebrew and/or Yiddish — some only a few pages in size, others thick and detailed tomes — provide a rich and valuable record of the fabric of Jewish existence before and, to some extent, after the years of destruction.

The material ranges from descriptions of town market places and distinctive trade and business practices, to chassidic lore and ritual, to village characters and special events, to the Holocaust and the experiences of those who returned to places of blight and desolation.

The authors, anthropologists at New York's YIVO Institute for Jewish Research have culled memorable selections from over 70 yizker-bikher. The brief selections are moving, bizarre, revealing, unexpectedly humorous and often tragic beyond words.

The reader learns about the independent Jewish porters of Warsaw, the remarkable chassidic Rebbe of Kushnitz, the role of Esther-Kahye the zogerin (sayer) who was hired by pious women to recite prayers for them in the synagogue, a Jewish wedding in a cemetery to ward off the dread plague of typhus, how Kol Nidre was recited in Auschwitz, and what happened to the young students of a Hebrew school who went on strike to protest their treatment at the hands of a brutal teacher.

A former resident of the town of Bilgoray relates that when he returned to his home town he found the streets were paved with gravestones bearing Jewish inscriptions. "I entered the store to buy some butter. It was handed to me wrapped in sheets of the Vilna edition of the Talmud. I stood as if petrified, remembering how hard it had been for a Jew to purchase a Vilna Talmud for his scholarly son-in-law. . . . On my way out, I threw the butter away and hid the holy scraps of text.

"This was my town of Bilgoray after the great catastrophe. With tears in my eyes I departed. Always in my ears I hear the echo of the mourner's prayer: Yisgadal Veyiskadash."

Some of the depictions out of the past hark back to an age that now seems remote beyond recall. "Between Navaredok and Novoyelne ran a little train which rode so slowly, especially in the snows of winter, that it was faster to go on foot. As it moved, passengers could get off the little train, play in the snow and throw snowballs, run a bit to warm themselves up and still manage to get back on the train."

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When I closed this unusual book there remained etched in my consciousness the personality of Nokhem Yanishker. When the Germans approached his town, he continued to preach ethical behavior to his students. He insisted that the more you increase holiness the less room there will be for evil in the world.

It is important and necessary to remember . . . and the yizker-bikher represent the single most important act of commemoration on the part of the survivor generation.

Musikids kick off Ontario Place

TORONTO — Ontario Place kicked off its Forum concert lineup for the 1984 summer season on May 10 with a performance by The Musikids.

Neil Sedaka appeared in concert on May 12 and Peter Allen was guest entertainer a day later.

Non-stop summer entertainment at the Forum continues until Sept. 9 with a final performance by the singer/dancer Ben Vereen.

A special schedule for Victoria Day (May 21) includes Susan from Sesame Street and The Michael Jackson Revue starring Romeo and Pharazon Breakers. Shari Ulrich and Nigrini will perform that day at 8 p.m. and a fireworks display is scheduled for 9.45 p.m.

Guitarist Liona Boyd will be featured on May 22 and the rock group Three Dog Night are set to appear on May 26.

The Toronto International Festival opening ceremonies are set for the Forum on June 1.

Ray Charles, The Nylons, Dionne Warwick, Jose Feliciano and Johnny Cash are also appearing in concert at Ontario Place during June.

On June 29, June 30, and July 1 the Forum will hold The Miller High Life Rock and Roll Spectacular. Entertainers include Little Anthony, The Shirelles, Del Shannon and The Rock and Roll Revival Band.

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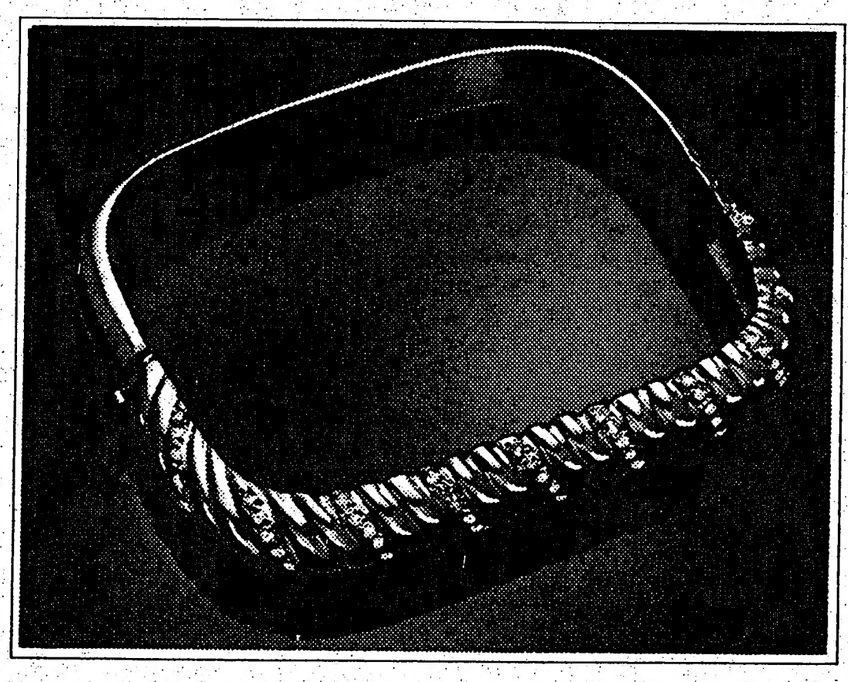

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Arts

Merrill a favorite of Toscanini

Bialik presents renowned baritone at Massey Hall

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By
RICK KARDONNE

One of the most thrilling baritone voices in the operatic world today."

"A large audience stayed and cheered until the last encore had been sung and the house lights announced that there would be no more."

These two quotes, respectively, from Dallas and London, typify the worldwide unanimous critical acclaim which has greeted Robert Merrill, who ranks among baritones as do Pavarotti and Domingo rank among tenors, and who will be presented by Bialik Hebrew Day School in concert at Massey Hall May 23 at 8 p.m.

Robert Merrill's career has run the gamut from his beginnings in the Catskills Borscht Belt working with Danny Kaye, Red Skelton and other great comedians to the most prestigious opera and concert halls in the world. He is well known to millions not only through his live and TV performances but also through his many best-selling records on most of the major labels.

In 1946 the young baritone was heard by Toscanini, who was so impressed that he invited Merrill to sing the role of Germont for his historical broadcast of La Traviata with the NBC Symphony.

The radio performance was the first opera broadcast approved by this celebrated conductor for record release.

A favorite of Toscanini, Merrill concluded his collaboration with him by singing Renato in Un Ballo in Maschera, the maestro's final opera broadcast.

Merrill is one of the few opera stars who have successfully ventured into another medium. He guest-starred on the CBS-TV special Look-in at the Metropolitan Opera with Danny Kaye and was also heard as narrator in one of a series of Bicentennial Minutes aired nationwide over CBS.

He is a frequent guest of Johnny Carson and Merv Griffin.

Robert Merrill

In addition to opera Merrill has recorded music of Broadway including Porgy and Bess, Show Boat, Carousel and Fiddler on the Roof — in which he starred.

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Harry Freedman's adaptation, like his Concerto for Orchestra performed last year, is, for the most part, an intelligent yet lively-populist elevation of various Hispanic-American folk-pop styles into light-classical venues.

However, Freedman's score needs a climactic extravaganza finale. As it now stands, the conclusion is too abrupt and brief.

Some of the individual pieces, especially the pas-de-deux with giant insect costumes, are sparkingly witty and have tremendous mass appeal. A grand party climax will accentuate the individual gems and thus give Oiseaux Exotiques great traveling potential.

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Denise Ferguson steals show

Brilliant performance by Gypsy star

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Denise Fergusson does a splendid job of acting and singing as the star of Gypsy at the Leah Posluns Theatre and she is so good that the show can be forgiven some of its faults.

Playing Rose, the mother of Gypsy Rose Lee, Ms. Ferguson belts out the play's familiar songs and her performance as a backstage mother is entirely believable. (It runs until May 19).

A lot of things work well under Bob Ainslie's direction; Louis Negin, as Herbie, Rose's constant admirer, brings the right shade of naivete and stubborness to the role; there is a jewel of a scene when David Lew as Mr. Goldstone is plied with egg rolls and other Chinese goodies to convince him to take the act to the Orpheum circuit; as Tulsa, Allan Wilbee does the outstanding dance solo of the evening; the three "real" strippers, Marsha Nicols, Ellen Dubin and Liza Hocura, do a show-stopping turn in You Gotta Get a Gimmick.

As a burlesque buff from way back, this reviewer couldn't accept Ann Ward's dancing as Gypsy Rose Lee. She acted and sang well in the non-dancing part of the role, but as a "stripper," she lacked credibility.

The plot gives the opportunity to bring a lot of children and young people on stage, but these scenes, generally, were a drag. On the other hand, Fergusson got better as the evening went on, and nothing else seemed to matter.

A large billboard of Babes on Broadway, was the most effective stage setting and it's too bad it wasn't used more — there was too much bare stage a lot of the time.

As producer, Reva Stern-Tward has staged a Gypsy which will be remembered for its good moments.

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Kids have confidence, good attitude

Young actors take change in roles philosophically

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Ah, the woes of old age.

Adam Kositsky and Hadley Kay know only too well how quickly it creeps up on you, and, before you know it, you're over the hill.

It's especially true if you're stars in the Young People's Theatre like Adam, 11, and Hadley, 14½. Already at that age they're aware of the showbiz adage: A star today, a has-been tomorrow.

Both Jewish lads are performing in Jacob Two Two Meets The Hooded Fang. It opens this week at the YPT at 165 Front St. E. in a new musical adaptation of the original story by its author, Mordecai Richler, with lyrics by Dennis (Alligator Pie) Lee and music by Philip (Fraggle Rock) Balsam.

Adam Kositsky

Adam plays the lead role of Jacob Two Two, the shy, dreamy 6-year-old boy, who's forced to repeat everything twice because he's the youngest child in the family.

"Yeah, I realize I'm just about twice his age," says Adam, who's rather nervous because it's his first appearance in professional theatre. "But I think I can squeak by. I've got a pretty good voice and I act well."

After all, he said, he's an oldtimer, albeit an amateur thespian. Now in grade 7 at Crescent Private School, where his father, Michael, is musical director, Adam said he's been featured in a lot of school productions, including a scene from Jacob Two Two.

"That experience helped me win over five other guys who tried out for the part at the auditions," says Adam, who seems to take to showbiz naturally. His mother, Lynne Kositsky, is a poet and author of the children's novel, Wish I May, Wish I Might, and Adam takes after his father by being a whiz on the violin.

"I like being a stage star," he says unabashedly. "It's real cool starting off my professional career in the lead role — because in this business, you never know how long stardom will last."

Hadley Kay

Hadley Kay says amen to that. In 1978, when he was an 8-year-old, Hadley played the same lead role when Jacob Two Two was first produced at the Young People's Theatre in an adaptation by four women.

"I'm too old to play Jacob now," says Hadley without any bitterness. With the aplomb of a professional trouper, he's quite resigned to stepping down from stardom and playing two character roles — Noah, who is Jacob's hip teen brother, and a heroic fantasy superman called The Fearless O'Toole.

"It's all part of the profession," says Hadley.

A veteran of the business, he began at the age of 4 doing radio commercials. With the encouragement of his mother, Hilary, a secretary at Holy Blossom Temple, and his father, Sidney, in the print production field, he has since done 300 radio commercials, performed in 25 variety shows, and been featured in 19 films such as Meatballs, most recently playing the lead role in a Montreal movie called Bambinger.

"If I were in the United States, I'd be considered a big child star, like Ricky Schroeder in the Silver Spoons TV series," he says. "But I don't mind.

"Ricky's a good comic. But I'm more flexible than he is. Because of my training at the Claude Watson School of the Arts here, I can dance and sing as well as act. Still, I like being a Canadian."

Both young actors also like being Jewish.

Adam, who attends the Darchei Noam Synagogue, says: "It's good to inherit the great Jewish tradition."

And Hadley, who had his bar mitzvah at Holy Blossom and enjoys the temple's ritual, says: "I feel proud of being Jewish. Like being an actor, it makes you feel special."

Director parodies popular culture

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Burlesque, meet New Wave.

Your perception of the New Wave movement may never be the same after Tom Diamond gets through with it.

Diamond is the director and creative force behind an original show that lampoons the New Wave generation and its music, dance and fashion.

The play — described by Diamond as a revue with music and dance — is The New Wave Burlesque, to be presented at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst, from Tuesday May 22 to Sunday May 27 [Friday excluded.]

If you thought burlesque meant lowbrow comedy and an obligatory striptease — you're right. But in keeping with the contemporary nature of the subject, Diamond offers something off the beaten track — two androgynous strippers.

For director Diamond, whose credits include For Adults Only and The Fantastics, burlesque is the prefect way to "parody this particular aspect of popular culture."

"New Wave came out of what was punk, but it's become popular culture now," he says. "It's affecting everyone the way disco did. Eventually New Wave will hit even K-Mart and Scarborough."

The way Diamond described it, the show will not only be a spoof on the most contemporary music trends — punks, new romantics, et al — but, like old-fashioned burlesque, "it's guaranteed to offend everyone."

The characters include an ex-burlesque star, Sally Tucker, a cigarete girl, Sandra Dah, and even some Jewish-American royalty.

"No-one is left unscathed," Diamond assures us, "so no one will feel left out."

The cast consists of 15 young actors and actresses from the Leah Posluns Theatre School and York University, and it features "the production values of a full production," Diamond says. "We have sets, lights, costumes . . . the whole shebang."

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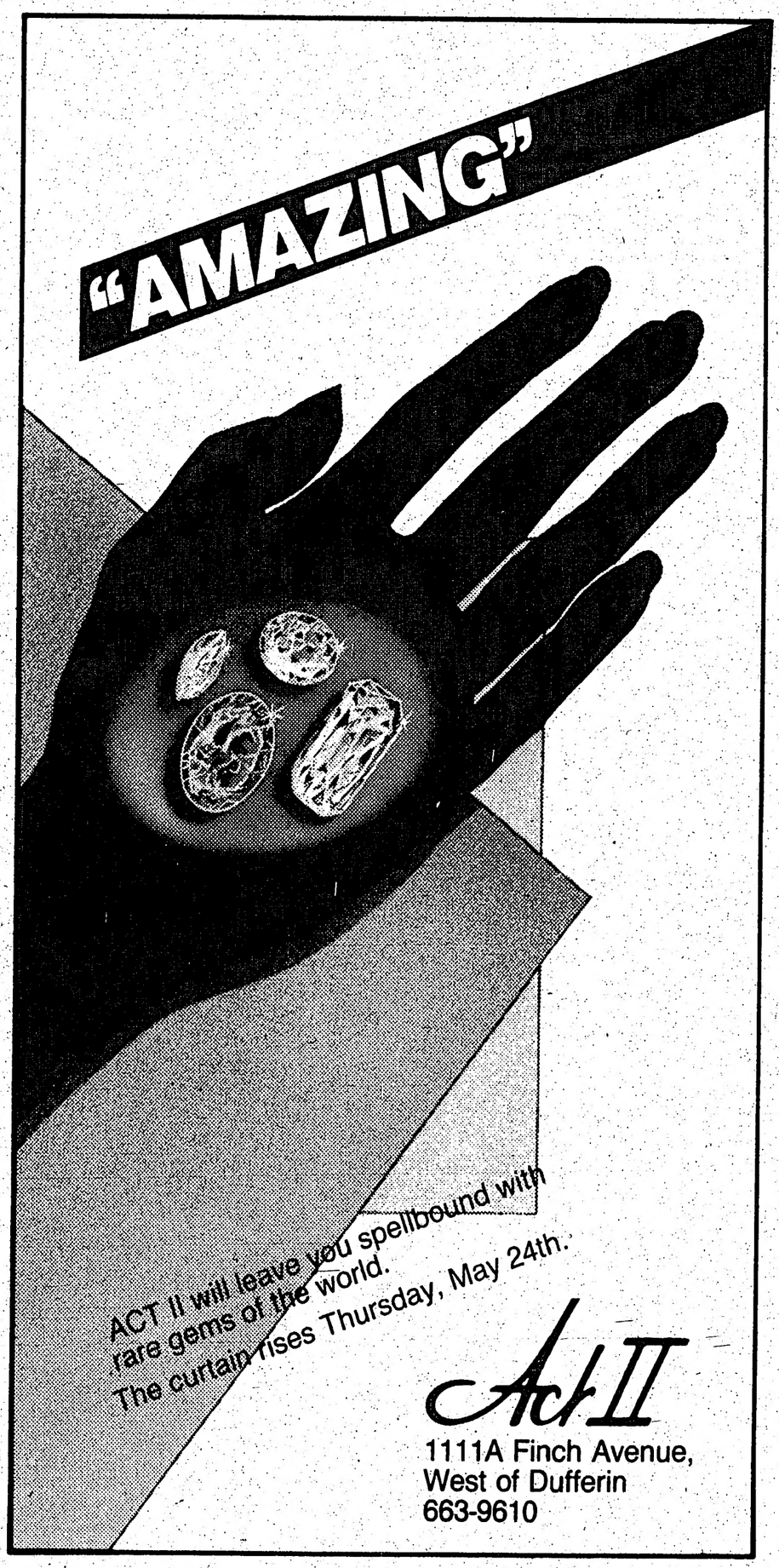

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Travel

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Special offers put Tel Aviv hotel in enviable position

By BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

The Tel Aviv Grand Beach hotel (208 rooms) is certainly not the largest hotel in size, but it is making a big contribution to Israel's tourism goal.

Operating under the present owner-management for about 18 months [it was previously leased to Moriah] its superb, homey, atmosphere has earned it the highest room occupancy average of any 4-star hotel — and most 5-stars in the country.

One of the reasons for this are the attractive money-saving offers and special services, says sales and promotion manager David Steinberg.

For example, as of May 1, the Grand Beach offers a Go as You Please room-car deal. For $199 U.S. per person, you can stay at the hotel seven nights and have a car with unlimited mileage for three days.

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Aside from all the specials, says Steinberg, it's the personal touch that makes the Grand Beach a best-seller.

"Every Thursday afternoon we have a "meet the staff" cocktail party when general manager Giora Israel introduces the senior staff members, followed by live entertainment in which the guests of the hotel are invited to join.

"The real Jewish atmosphere pervades the hotel and especially so on Shabbat when we have a communal kiddush with every guest provided with free wine," says Steinberg.

During the week, the hotel's program includes different kinds of musical evenings, while once a week guests are invited to attend a lecture on the state's early days.

Tall Ships gather on lake

TORONTO —

From July 6 to 11, Torontonians will see the most beautiful of ships on a visit to a freshwater sea, when the Tall Ships gather in the harbor here for a bicentennial Lake Ontario Rendezvous.

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The gathering of the ships will be "the event of the century" on Lake Ontario — perhaps the last happening of its kind.

Israel retirement residence offers extended services

TEL AVIV —

Israel's longest-established private retirement residence will now accept tourists on a temporary basis along with long-term residents from abroad.

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Mayor has 3-point plan

Rejuvenating project under way for aging Tel Aviv

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

Tel Aviv is undergoing a major face-lift coinciding with the city's current 75th anniversary observances.

Founded in 1909 by a handful of people on 30 acres of sand dunes north of Jaffa, it was given the temporary name of Achuzat Bayit and became the world's first all-Jewish city.

Today, Tel Aviv is a bustling seaside metropolis.

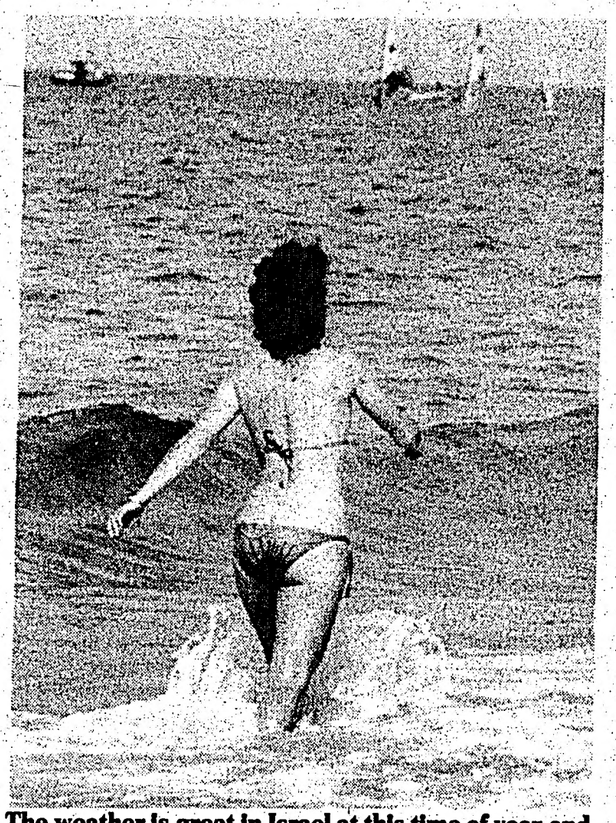
Like many other large urban centres, though, Tel Aviv also is suffering from suburban sprawl, with young married couples moving out of town and no one replacing the fast-dwindling older generation.

From a top population of some 460,000 less than 10 years ago, the total inhabitants of the city number less than 350,000. This alarming fact has not been lost to the city fathers.

It is against this background that Mayor Shlomo Lahat is dedicating his new rejuvenating program.

Lahat's program is based on a 3-prong thrust — to arrest the declining centre core, rejuvenate the population and make the city more attractive for tourists.

Already, Lahat is converting deteriorating sectors of the city into flourishing residential areas, and is putting them within the reach of the young - married couples, backed by favorable long-term loans granted by the housing ministry.



The weather is great in Israel at this time of year and an enthusiastic tourist tries out the Mediterranean near a hotel in Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]

Large tracts of land on both north and south of the city borders are to be converted to housing areas.

Numerous foreign investors have shown interest in the Tel Aviv renewal project, one British group buying up scores of broken-down houses.

Tourism is a vital part of Tel Aviv's economy and, fully recognizing this, Shlomo Lahat is going all out to expand tourist facilities.

Most recent acquisition to Tel Aviv is its wide new promenade, which goes almost the whole length of the city, right down to Jaffa. This is Lahat's pride and joy, serving as it does both locals and tourists.

Ancient Jaffa is actually part of the Tel Aviv-Yaffo municipality. It is a major tourist attraction, with its authentic flea market and casbah-like narrow alleys lined with art galleries, shops and eateries.

Tourism, however, means Tel Aviv. For tourists, it is Israel's swinging city, and Lahat has a dynamic Association for Tourism, headed by Shmuel Geffen, a member of the city council.

"Life is Great in Tel Aviv" is just one of the themes of the current campaign of the association, which will sponsor numerous events, most free of charge.

The association is engaging in a worldwide tourism exchange program.

Initially, 50 teachers will come to Tel Aviv for several days stay, commencing this month.

The teachers will visit schools in reconstructed areas and will be hosted by Israeli counterparts.

The first group of teachers will arrive from the UK, where the League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers is arranging an exchange of teachers from both countries.

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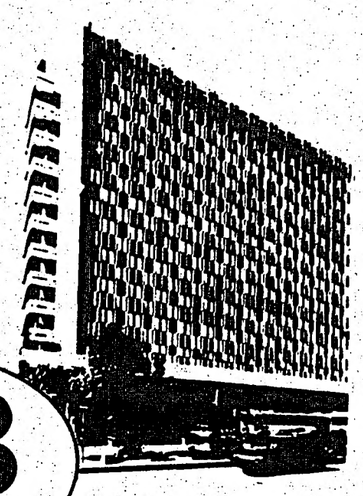

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Travel

Rail passes a real money saver

Bargains make Denmark attractive spot for tourists

By JAMES MONTAGNES

Denmark is becoming known as the land of bargain vacations. These range all the way from transportation to accommodations.

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Both Danish Rail Pass and Scandinavian Railpass can be purchased at any railway station in Denmark.

Danish State Railways give half-price tickets to travelers over 65 years and to groups of three or more people traveling together. Half - price tickets can be purchased at railway stations throughout Denmark.

For travel elsewhere in Europe there are also railway passes available, usable also on boats and buses of the state-owned systems. These include the Eurailpass, Britrail Pass and Swiss Rail Pass, which must be purchased in North America before departure, and for which your passport is required.

They can be arranged through your travel agent or Eurailpass German Rail, 1290 Bay St., Toronto; Britrail Travel International Inc., 94 Cumberland St., Toronto; Swiss Federal Railways, Commerce Court West, Toronto.

Most European railways have special discounts for senior citizens from the age of 60 and up. Such senior rail passes can be purchased in the separate countries, and require a passport size photo — so carry a supply of such recent photos with you.

Until May 31 you can now purchase special All Aboard America Fares for use on Amtrak trains in the United States. These are good for 30 days of round trip travel in three Amtrak regions, roughly eastern covering Atlantic coast to Chicago and New Orleans, from Montreal and Toronto; mideast from Chicago to El Paso, Texas; and Western region from Montana and El Paso to the Pacific coast.

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The tickets allow a stopover in each direction in addition to the destination, and return may be over an alternative routing. These special tickets can be purchased from Amtrak travel agents or ticket offices.

There will be many charter services overseas this summer. Jet Vacations Inc. (1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York) or your travel agent, will have round-trips from New York to London, Geneva and Zurich, Switzerland, and Paris, from US$360 up, depending on date of departure and return.

In Finland they have Finncheques which give you low prices for first class, deluxe and tourist class hotel rooms.

With these Finncheques you can stop in any one of 168 hotels anywhere in Finland for only US$21 a night per person, double occupancy, or US$31 single. For de luxe and first class hotels the rate is US$31 double occupancy. This includes breakfast, and in category II hotels a self-serve lunch is included.

The Finncheques are good from June 1 to Aug. 31. Finncheques can be purchased from Holiday Tours of America, 40 East 49th St., New York, NY 10017.

Other money savers in Finland include a City Tourist card for Helsinki and Turku. The price of the card includes free admissions to museums, free transportation on public transport, boat tours and other benefits. There are even special prices in restaurants for Tourist Menus.

In Copenhagen travelers can cut costs with the new Copenhagen Card at US$6.30 for one day, with children under 12 years half-price. The card allows free or reduced rate admission to most attractions and museums in the Copenhagen and North Sealand area.

Denmark also has special Krochecks for use in old inns, with 53 participating inns, providing room with private bath. With Krochecks rates are from about US$18 per person per night, double occupancy, about half of the regular rate. Breakfast, service charges and tax are included.

The Copenhagen Card is available from the Copenhagen Tourist Association, Norregade 7A, DK-1165 Copenhagen K. Your travel agent can arrange for purchase of the Krochecks.

These are just some of the travel bargains available now for this summer's travel. Your travel agent may know of others which have not yet crossed this travel reporter's desk.

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Business Outlook

New challenges offered

Israeli bankers make mark in Canadian business

Although they like it here, their hearts still belong to Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN

If one were to ask the directors of Canada's prestigious banks, it's unlikely that any would consider work on an agricultural collective to be an ingredient of a successful banker.

Moshe Rosen

Yet sitting in his plush office in one of the glass and steel towers in the heart of Toronto's financial district, Moshe Rosen, ex-kibbutznik, is running the day-to-day operations of a multi-million - dollar banking enterprise.

As president of Bank Leumi Le-Israel's Canadian subsidiary, Rosen oversees the operations of the most extensive of the Israeli-owned banks in Canada.

Arriving in Canada in January 1982, Rosen was faced with the task of breaking into a market dominated by five giant Canadian banks.

Willingly accepting that "challenge," Rosen came to Toronto because, as he puts it, with "my experience and background, I felt I could take on (the task) of establishing a new bank subsidiary."

Rosen's experience in financial matters goes back to his days on Kibbutz Dvir in the Negev Desert near Beersheba. Arriving there in 1949 as a 16-year-old refugee from Hungary, Rosen was one of the founding members of the kibbutz.

Life in the kibbutz was difficult in those early years, Rosen recalls. When he got there, he says, there was "only rough land." The nearest water was about seven kilometres away and there was no electricity or roads. The water, Rosen says, was "brought in by tanker."

While working on the kibbutz, Rosen says, "I got involved in the financial aspects." During the 15 years he spent on the kibbutz and in Gan Shomron, an agricultural collective in central Israel, Rosen acted as a treasurer and later as manager.

While living on the kibbutz, he studied business administration and in 1964 moved to Tel Aviv and joined the agricultural arm of the Bank Leumi — the Leumi Agricultural Development Bank. After working as manager of the credit division, he later became regional manager for the bank's central region in Israel.

When the opportunity arose, Rosen, along with his wife Hava and their two sons, welcomed the move to Canada. "I knew the Jewish communities in Toronto and Montreal are exceptional by their involvement and support of Israel and Jewish life," Rosen says.

While appreciating "the exceptional quality of life in Canada" and the "warm welcome" of the Jewish community, Rosen still looks forward to returning to Israel and becoming the manager of a bank there.

Unlike his counterpart at Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim's general-manager, Yaacov Pachter, is a sabra and a native urbanite. Born in Tel Aviv in 1938, Pachter has spent most of his life in the larger cities of Israel and in one of the biggest cities in the world — New York.

Joining Hapoalim 17 years ago, Pachter has had the opportunity to work for the bank in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. One of Pachter's duties involved working in one of the bank's investment branches, which, Pachter says, "is involved in sound investments and makes contributions to the public."

Pachter's career in banking was interrupted for four years from 1969 to 1973 when he represented the Israeli Ministry of Tourism in New York.

Of all the cities he has lived in, he is most drawn to Jerusalem. In 1967, while fighting in the Six Day War, Pachter "took part in the liberation of the old city of Jerusalem." Pachter's wife Dolly, is a fourth generation native of Jerusalem, and from the time of their marriage in 1964, the couple took up residence there.

Yaacov Pachter

Unfortunately for Pachter, his job with Hapoalim was in Tel Aviv, and from 1973 to 1978, he commuted daily between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. In 1978, he "got tired" of commuting and the couple moved to Tel Aviv. But as Pachter says, "moving my wife from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv was like moving an old olive tree . . . it was quite an endeavor."

Since he, his wife and three children came to Toronto, Pachter has taken the opportunity to visit throughout Canada, and says, he is impressed, especially with Vancouver, which he terms "an incredible place."

He and his wife find Toronto "a very easy city to adjust to" and after four years in "the big apple," Pachter says "the safety here can drive anyone who knows New York crazy."

One of Pachter's special interests is appearing at speaking engagements, which, he says, gives him the opportunity to explode some myths about Israel and its economy.

For years, Pachter says, "Israel has been identified with charity. The talk of charity and inflation distorts the true picture," he says. "I decided to expose a new aspect of Israel here."

He discusses the Israeli economy and presents "a profile of a very strong economy that accomplishes much."

Though Pachter has been surprised every day at the warm reception he and his family have received in Toronto, he still misses Jerusalem, and says, "I look forward to moving back."

Like his colleague at Hapoalim, Jacob Behar, chief executive officer of the Israel Discount Bank, is a sabra with strong ties to Jerusalem. He was born there 49 years ago, and can trace his roots there back five generations on his mother's side. His father immigrated to Israel from Yugoslavia at age 15 after World War I.

Typical of an Israeli, Behar served in the Israel Defence Forces and took part in the 1956 and 1967 wars as a tank commander and in 1973 in the infantry.

Following his regular stint in the army, Behar attended Hebrew University where he studied economics and business administration.

His first job with IDB was as a teller, but he eventually entered a management trainee program and moved up in the bank hierarchy, going from teller to letters exchange, to shares and bonds, and eventually to branch manager.

Behar eventually became head of the credit committee of IDB for the Jerusalem region.

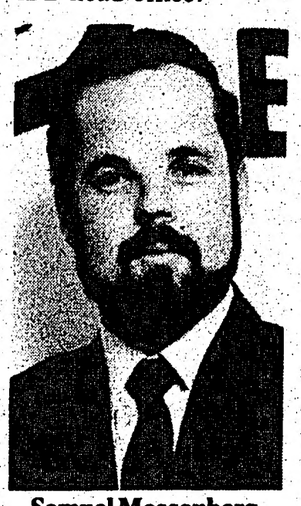
Behar's 25 years in banking has given him, as he puts it, the "expertise in opening new branches" and he welcomed "the challenge to create and establish (a bank) from scratch in Toronto. This position in Toronto," he adds, "is considered a 'plum'."

Since coming to Canada, Behar has seen the bank grow to a "$100 million business." And while he "likes Toronto and the nice people" he's met here, he still misses Israel and his two daughters who remain there — one studying economics, the other working on kibbutz Kalya, near the Dead Sea.

Jacob Behar

And, as he says, while "Toronto is a nice city to live in, still, Jerusalem is Jerusalem. I don't believe there's any place in the world better than Jerusalem . . . I was born in Jerusalem, it's part of my soul."

At this stage in his career, Behar says, he'd like to eventually return to Israel and work at the IDB head office.



Samuel Messenberg

At 31, Samuel Messenberg is the youngest of the men heading the four Israeli banks in Canada. As United Mizrahi Bank's representative for Canada, Messenberg came to Canada with a "major mission — to set up a new bank."

Messenberg expects that a UMB "full service bank will open within the next year. We're just waiting for the proper time to apply," he says.

Messenberg, a native of Petah Tikvah, came to Canada after expressing my desire to go work for a bank outside Israel, a chance to go and see other parts of the world," he says.

Accompanied by his wife Nava and their two children, Messenberg says, "our best surprise in Canada was how quickly they got used to the new situation . . . with 25 channels on television . . . they love it. And they made friends and so far are happy."

Messenberg finds one of the nice things in Toronto is the Jewish Community Centre where he enjoys sports and jogging.

"Nava likes it (here) very much. She's made many friends, is a member of the Mizrachi organization and has continued with her interest in painting and drawing."

While Messenberg is happy in Toronto, he too expresses the hope of returning to Israel and continuing in the banking business at one of UMB's branches there.

Sets up operation

IDB head holds special position

Among the men representing Israel's banks in Canada, David Barr heads the list in terms of seniority.

Arriving in Canada eight years ago, Barr combines his position as head of the Israel Discount Bank's representative office with a post on the board of directors of IDB's Canadian subsidiary.

Barr brings to the positions a broad experience which he drew on when he "opened up the [representative] office in Canada." Barr, a 6th generation sabra, was born in Jerusalem 62 years ago.

He attended the American University in Beirut and received a Bachelor of Arts in economics and political science in 1943. He followed that up with a Masters in jurisprudence at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and later joined the Israeli bar.

David Barr

Following his formal education, Barr worked as a manager in the "family concern" — Berman's Bakery, founded by Barr's grandmother over 100 years ago in the old quarter of Jerusalem. Barr describes it as "the largest bakery in Israel."

Barr recalls that during the siege of Jerusalem in Israel's War of Independence, the bakery was instrumental in providing food for the population, and, he says: "We didn't stop working even though we were shelled . . . We hung up sheets so that snipers on Mount Scopus couldn't spot targets."

During that siege, Barr recalls, the "civilian population was exactly like the army, since we were surrounded." Despite the hardships created by the siege — insufficient water and constant danger — Barr calls that time "the great hour of the Jewish population of Jerusalem."

Following the war, Barr continued working in the family business, but "after a good number of years," Barr says, he "decided to change from the family concern and join the services of the government of Israel."

He put his background in business and economics to good use, working in the state controllers office, which, he says, operates as a "fourth arm of government," controlling the actions of all the ministries.

After two years in that office he joined Israel's embassy in Buenos Aires in 1961 as economic counselor. It was at that time he changed his name to Barr to conform to the law requiring all Israelis working for the diplomatic corps abroad to maintain Hebrew names.

In 1964 he returned to Israel and in 1965 went into the banking business, working for IDB in New York.

In 1976, Barr, accompanied by his wife Lily and their son, came to Toronto to set up the IDB representative office here. Since their arrival, Barr and his wife have been "very active in the Jewish community."

Barr serves as a director of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, while his wife of 38 years works with Hadassah and the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Since his arrival in Canada, Barr says, he has "worked hard and tried to reach out to the business community to develop a relationship and provide the liaison and information clients require in doing business with the members of the IDB group around the world."

Health for the executive

see page 52

Business Outlook

Royal Trust introduces advanced system

Computer age streamlines real estate business

By
PAUL LUNGEN

Remember what it was like looking for a house? Sifting through pages of listings, trying to find one that fit your needs.

If you were searching for a 2-storey stucco in Downsview, side split, with a driveway, air-conditioning, a 2-car garage, inground swimming pool, with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, even finding a listing could take hours.

Well, the computer age has caught up with the real estate business, and at Royal Trust's real estate department, terms such as central data bank and hands-on experience are as much a part of the vocabulary as multiple listings and amortization schedules.

The techno-terms are used in connection with a new computer system in use at Royal Trust, designed to link vendors and purchasers of residential properties.

Less than 1-year old and still in the evaluation stage, Royal Trust's computer link system is the most extensive of its kind in Canada, says Robert Gracie, the national manager of real estate projects.

Other real estate firms use computer systems, Gracie acknowledges, but they use micro-computers with a limited data base.

Royal Trust is hooked up with a much larger central computer located in Scarborough, Gracie says, and any of its 41 offices in Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie and Orillia can get access to its massive files.

Over 19,000 listings in Toronto alone have been filed in the central computer, says Ada Podolski, the administrative coordinator of the computer link system.

"That includes the listing of other brokers and is pretty well the whole Toronto multiple listings," she says.

Since its introduction in Toronto in August 1983 "it's been an indispensible part of the business," she adds.

While at first some of the agents were intimidated by the new-age system, since they've seen how it works their attitudes have changed, Podolski says.

"It's a matter of showing them how simple it is. Once they see that, they say 'what was I afraid of?'"

What the computer link system does is provide a huge reservoir of detailed information both about buyers and available listings, including minute details of each home. It then matches potential buyers to the residential properties for sale.

With computer terminals on brokers' desks, each agent can, by simply punching a few keys, eliminate hours of tedious work and call up a list of homes that match the buyer's needs.

Once the buyer describes the type of house he or she is looking for — along with the district, price range and other relevant data that information is punched into the computer and a number of listings that meet those criteria appear on the screen.

Should a particular house catch his eye, that individual listing can be called up. The full detailed information — including each room's dimensions and type of heating plant — is displayed on the monitor.

Another aspect of the system is finding buyers for the houses, condominiums and rental properties listed. Each client is interviewed and his financial data and a description of the type of house he's looking for are stored in the computer.

The computer can later match, or link one of those potential buyers with the property of a vendor when he puts it up for sale.

The system is also geared to give a buyer a realistic appraisal of the type and value of a house he can afford to buy.

By feeding in his financial data, the computer determines, based on a consideration of current mortgage rates, the size of the down-payment and monthly earnings, just how large a mortgage the buyer can afford to carry.

That prevents him from investing time and emotional energy in searching for a home he or she can't afford.

"The clients find it all more believeable when a computer tells them they can or can't afford a house. And they're more apt to give the full information about debts they're carrying to see how much of an outlay they can afford," Gracie says.

Like other sophisticated systems, Royal Trust's computer link is capable of a myriad of functions.

Investment analysis functions — comparing the cost of renting or buying over 1-, 2-, 3-, 5- and 10-year periods —, amortization schedules, buyer qualification analysis, capital cost allowance data are all at the agents' beck and call.

By punching a few keys on a keyboard and answering the machine's pre-programmed questions, a sample comparative market analysis shows up on the screen.

In an instant, the computer compares the vendor's home with similar homes in the same street and district recently sold or for sale.

"It keeps an objective view of the value of a home," Podolski says. "Everyone thinks their home is special, but if thre are lots of homes on the market, they may have to ask less. It gives the vendor an idea of how much it's really worth."

What's next for the computer link system?

"We hope to expand our system across Canada. It provides our agents with more tools to help them service the vendors and purchasers more efficiently and quickly," says Podolski.

Royal Trust's Robert Gracie and Ada Podolski demonstrate use of some of the computer-age technology that's now a vital part of their business. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Business Outlook

Centre offers planning seminars

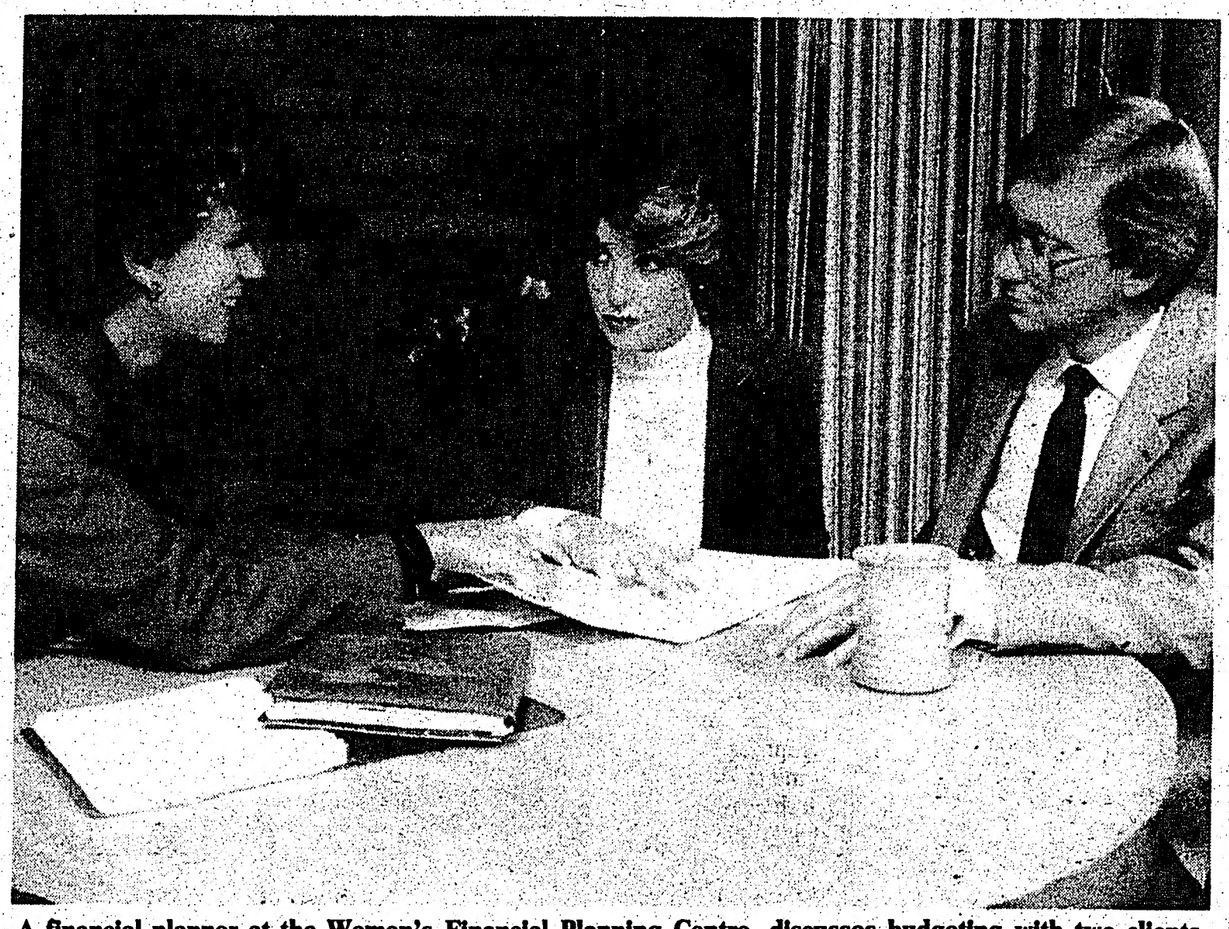
Still the best way to save money is to spend less

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
Many people think we'll have the magical answer for saving money, but the only way to save more is by spending less, says Kim Humphries of the Women's Financial Planning Centre.

The former financial analyst at IBM feels individuals should first get out of debt and then set up a budget to figure out where their money is going.

She recommends saving 10% of your net salary and banking some spendable savings for such things as a vacation in addition to the untouchable 10%. Moreover, she notes that it's wise to put the untouchable savings in an emergency fund equal to about three month's salary.



A financial planner at the Women's Financial Planning Centre, discusses budgeting with two clients.

Humphries, 28, is one of the dozen all-female financial counseling team at the centre, opened last May at 5 Hazelton Ave. and sponsored by Imperial Life Assurance Co.

The centre is a source of free advice on how to make your money work for you and its overall supervisor, Bill Stanley, spent 30 years with Imperial Life in marketing.

Basic financial planning seminars are offered at the centre and other locations and cover such topics as budgeting, types of insurance that should be considered, and the two main tax deferrals (RRSPs and RHOSPs).

There is no cost to attend seminars but class size is limited and early registration is necessary. (To register call 923-9898.)

The next basic financial planing seminars will be held at the Metro Toronto Library from 5.30-7.30 p.m. on May 17 and May 31 and during the same hours at the centre on June 7, 12, and 26.

Due to the interest of women in retirement, the centre also holds retirement income planning seminars six times yearly.

The next are scheduled at the Metro Toronto Library from 5.30-7.30 p.m. on May 24 and at the centre from 10 a.m.-noon on June 19 and from 5.30-7.30 p.m. on June 21.

Seminar manager Kim Ball has also spoken on request to such groups as Canadian Hadassah-WIZO and to female staff in hospitals and businesses.

Further financial consultation is available after attending a seminar and matters of discussion can include retirement planning and insurance.

"Our financial planners don't give investment advice in the sense that a stockholder does, but they'll take an in-depth look at a woman's current state of affairs and create an action plan to help a woman reach her financial goals," Stanley explained.

The centre also makes money through the sale of such Imperial Life products as life insurance policies and RRSPs and represents several trust companies for short term investments.

Imperial Life started the centre's planning in November 1981 after doing research on whether it was adequately servicing women.

"From that, we learned women were interested in financial matters, but felt ill at ease to get information from financial institutions because they didn't feel treated as equals," Stanley said.

Consequently, the 55-year-old centre manager hired 12 university-educated women, three of whom were previously involved in life insurance and the latter who were trained by Imperial Life in financial planning.

The centre didn't become operational until a year ago and Stanley chose the exclusive Yorkville area to locate because both the Bloor and University subway lines are accessible and the area is safe during the day and night.

Although the centre is geared for both working women and homemakers, 20% of its clients are men who attend seminars with their spouse or partner and then come in for further consultation.

Seminar participants are asked to calculate their assets and liabilities to determine their net worth and are given a budget summary worksheet to record their income and expenditures over the last year.

The centre recommends that budget expense items be placed in a 4-account banking system: a fixed goal account [drawn from a long-term savings account for emergency funds, RRSPs etc.], a monthly expense account [drawn from a checking account for rent and other monthly payments], a variable expenses account [drawn from a daily interest savings account for such items as car insurance] and cash expenses [drawn from a checking account for groceries etc.].

Financial planner Kim Humphries stressed that no more than $60,000 should be invested in any institution.

Stanley pointed out that 40% of investments should be in the no risk element of bank investments, insurance, principal residence, Canada Savings Bonds, and a contingency fund, while 30% should be in low risk investments like blue chip bonds/stocks and mortgages.

Moreover, 20% should be invested in medium risk ventures while 10% should be put in high risk ventures such as precious metals, Stanley added.

Hydro warning

Toronto Hydro is mailing a bill insert to its approximately 30,000 commercial - industrial customers advising them to be prepared if they are concerned that a power failure would hurt their business.

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Business Outlook

Back to basics strategy

Executive health plays a key role

The issue of productivity has long been a cornerstone of North America's business philosophy. Of late, however, it has become something of an obsession.

Indeed, given the proliferation of seminars, workshops, and industry studies devoted to the subject, one might argue that productivity has become the growth industry of the 80s.

The push for productivity has left few stones unturned. Automation, personal computing and robotics are being acclaimed the best hopes for North America's business comeback.

Yet, for all the talk and technology, one area of personal productivity has been neglected: executive health.

According to medical professionals and management thought leaders, better health practices by the boardroom set is the first step toward more productive, and longer, corporate lives.

The statistics prove the point. Last year, 48% of all deaths in Canada were linked to blood vessel disease 50,000 in the form of heart attack; a sobering reminder to executives that success on the job does not necessarily equate a long or healthy existence.

In the fast-paced business world, many executives have turned the responsibility of heart failure over to their physician, hoping that drugs and surgery will eventually atone for poor diet, exercise and basic lifestyle habits.

According to an article Stress Innoculation: For Managers and Organizations published by the University of Western Ontario, corporations who lose top management at their prime due to health or early retirement stand to lose not only valuable employee, but invaluable knowledge, skills, abilities and leadership — the stuff that profits are made of.

Add to this the human tragedy of early death and one can see why many medical professionals are calling for a "back to basics" strategy in terms of dietary and lifestyle considerations.

Dietitian Rosie Schwartz, consultant to the Becel Margarine Heart Health Information Bureau in its fight against heart disease, agrees that simple modifications to lifestyle habits can go a long way to reduce coronary heart disease [CHD].

"Proper exercise and reduction of stress, both on the job and at home, are key responsibilities of the executive.

Also of primary importance is the lowering of blood cholesterol levels through dietary measures — specifically a decrease in total fat consumption, particularly saturated fats, and an increase in fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain products, and high polyunsaturate vegetable oils and margarines."

Polyunsaturates, because of their high linoleic acid content, play a key role in lowering blood cholesterol levels.

Foods highest in polyunsaturates include walnuts and sunflower seeds; sunflower, safflower and corn oils; as well as the special health margarines, such as Becel.

The words "non-hydrogenated" on the label of products such as margarine, peanut butter and other edible oil foods, further ensures the highest available polyunsaturate content.

Schwartz says the toughest challenge before the executive is to say "no" to the heavy meat and saturated fat courses associated with expense account lunches and dinners.

"When managers realize that their performance can be enhanced through better living habits, their approach to diet changes quickly.

The image of the lean and fit executive is coming back into vogue."

Through her work with Becel, Schwartz has created an easy-to-follow guide for executives to help them avoid the blue chip road to heart attack and other coronary diseases.

Schwartz suggests that the balance sheet concept is more than just a clever means to get the health point across.

"I encourage managers to view health/lifestyle considerations as productive tools, not unlike sound accounting practices and sophisticated production systems.

And like all solid corporations, executives should review their performance on a quarterly basis to ensure that their productivity assets are up to standards."

Whether or not the captains of industry will heed the advice of medical practitioners and management consultants is yet to be seen.

One thing remains clear: management needs all the help it can get.

Schwartz argues that productivity through better living practices must be encouraged on the corporate level and in the home.

"Executives, by nature, are strong individuals who excel in team situations. In terms of health, the main influence and source of awareness is the spouse.

Once executives recognize the benefits of a more healthful life, they are strong converts."

Schwartz suggests that concerned executives and spouses request more information on heart health from their physicians.

A helpful booklet, Dietary Fats and Your Heart, is available from the Becel Margarine Heart Health Information Bureau, 80 Bloor St. W., Suite 1500, toronto, M5S 2V1.

EXECUTIVE HEALTH BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	Profitable life/career potential
Regular exercise	**LIABILITIES**
Regular social/home life	Infrequent exercise
Back to basics diet:	Working weekends
* fish/poultry/lean meat	Executive Lunches/ Dinners:
* whole grain products	* heavy meat dishes
* high polyunsaturated/low saturated fat oils and health margarines	* rich sauces/creams
* fresh fruit/vegetables	* high saturated fat dairy products used for spreading and cooking
Hobby/relaxation schedule	* desserts/pastries
The Bottom line: Enhanced personal productivity	Smoking
	Heavy social drinking
	Stress-related health conditions
	Reduced potential for personal productivity

Take a look around then buy computer

By DAVID PIERSON

Shop around before you buy. This consumer cliche has never been more appropriate than when choosing a computer system for your business or home.

Representatives of Rexon Business Computers and Mag Data Informations Systems emphasize that when a company or individual invests in a computer they should know exactly what their needs are and how they want the computer to work for them.

Clark Merritt of Rexon says one of the most important things a company should remember when purchasing a computer is the expandability of the system.

"In order to take advantage of computer technology you have to investigate the time to learn about it. You can't treat a computer like a photocopier. Take the time to learn to use it right and it can have a lot of advantages."

Gabriel Saimovici of Mag Data says one of the toughest things for him as a computer salesman is when a customer doesn't know what he wants.

"When you buy a car you know exactly what you want and it's the same with computers. People come in and say 'I want a computer.' I ask them what they want the computer to do and if they don't know, then it's hard to recommend a specific system."

Saimovici says there are numerous beginners' courses on computer technology and a ton of recent literature pertaining to the subject.

"If everyone bought the book, Your First Computer, it would make life a whole lot easier.

Both Saimovici and Merritt say that many businessmen feel they have to have a computer system to keep up with the competition, but at the same time feel intimidated by learning to use it and by its constant, lightning-fast technology improvements.

"When a business buys a computer system there has to be somebody to train the staff. We bring in the people who are going to be the main operators of the system and train them. When the system arrives three or four weeks later, the company is ready to use it," says Merritt.

Saimovici says computer hardware and software will become significantly easier to learn and in a few years the computer will be able to converse with the operator.

Saimovici says the possibilities for the computer are endless. "It is very exciting and a little scary at how fast the technology is moving.

"The industrial revolution took a half a century and people had time to adjust. I believe the computer will aid the individual and eliminate the mundane tasks. People are already doing their banking in the U.S. on their home computers.

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Business Outlook

Convention business looks bright

Hotels respond to demands of business world

By
DAVID PIERSON

Twenty years ago, a hotel stay for the traveling businessman was a place to take care of his business agenda and get a good night's sleep. Since that time a travelers' needs have changed radically and the changes in Toronto's hotels have been equally radical to meet the new demands of the business and tourist world.

Toronto's hotels now offer jacuzzis, saunas, squash courts, indoor and outdoor running tracks, gymnasia, private bars, whole floors to executives, shopping plazas and fashion shows for wives and no-charge rates for children.

In short, Toronto's hotelier establishment is prepared to provide any social and entertainment whim to ensure its multi-million dollar convention business returns.

Director of public relations for the Metro Toronto Convention & Visitor's Association, Debra Caruso, says the future of Toronto's hotel convention business looks bright, especially with the completion of the new convention centre in October of this year.

"The new centre has a seating capacity of 12,000 and is the latest in modern design and planning and we hope it will be a real draw in bringing conventions to Toronto.

"Toronto has and still does, to a certain degree, suffer from a lack of awareness among North American businessmen. But once they come here they really love it. Toronto and San Francisco are the two big cities in North America that businessmen like to come back to."

The director of public relations for Toronto Hilton Harbour Castle, Calah Brooks, says even though the hotel is only 8 years old, every room in the hotel has been renovated so no room is now more than 2 years old.

"Our guests are very health conscious now. We have a fitness director, an outdoor heated running track and a pool that is open from 7 in the morning until 10.30 at night. I was in Detroit last week and the hotel pool didn't open until 12, which was too late for me. It's the little things that make a difference."

Brooks says one of the big changes in the business world is that businessmen are taking on more family responsibility and wives and children often accompany their husbands and fathers on business trips now. The Hilton has just expanded its shopping concourse and offers no-charge rates for children.

Across town at the **Prince Hotel, wives have been treated to fashion shows and shopping trips organized by the hotel while the business world is offered audio-visual and meeting room aids to ensure a business meeting's success.**

The director of sales at the Sutton Place says that the Sutton goes for the high-powered executive conventions like London Life for its business trade.

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Business Outlook

Clients respond to program

Dealer promotes innovative use of SDRRSPs

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — This past January the minister of national revenue handed down a decision that has introduced new ways of using self-directed registered retirement savings plans.

The minister ruled that taxpayers may borrow funds from their SDRRSPs, secured by a mortgage on the taxpayer's home.

Since that decision, the investment dealer firm of McLeod Young Weir have been promoting that innovative use of SDRRSPs, and have received a "tremendous response" from clients interested in the program, says McLeod manager Richard Hamm.

For those who wish to pay off an existing mortgage, use the SDRRSP funds to finance a first or second mortgage on a new home, or merely to finance a general investment elsewhere, the ruling offers a new means of doing so without borrowing from a lending institution.

Under the scheme, investors who don't already have one, would open a new retirement plan and transfer existing RRSPs along with regular yearly deductions into it.

The funds from that new SDRRSP could then be borrowed by the planholder (secured by a house mortgage) without liquidating the plan.

Richard Hamm of McLeod Young Weir.

The loan, plus interest at current mortgage rates, would later be repaid to the plan.

For someone borrowing for general investment purposes the rate of interest payable to the SDRRSP is lower than that demanded by banks for most loans.

And if the funds borrowed from the SDRRSP are used for investment purposes, the interest is tax deductible in the year it is repaid.

For those borrowing from the SDRRSP to finance a house purchase, the investor still benefits even though he must repay the loan "at current market rates," Hamm says.

Instead of interest flowing into a bank — which normally earns a "spread" on mortgage loans — it goes into the SDRRSP, "improving cash flow to the RRSP" and making a substantial contribution to retirement income through the compounding effect of the interest.

"If you're already going to pay a first or second mortgage, you might as well put the extra 2-3% (above what the RRSP usually earns) into your plan," Hamm says. "Because RRSPs are tax incentives, it will compound without tax until it's used."

Since the rate of interest being repaid to the SDRRSP is generally higher than the money generated by the SDRRSP through its investments, the SDRRSP will grow faster, leaving even more funds available at retirement.

And an investor can "feel good about paying himself the mortgage interest," Hamm says.

Several restrictions limit the plan, Hamm says, chief among them being its restriction to single, urban-based residences. Cottages and rental properties are ineligible, though duplexes and triplexes qualify.

The mortgage must also be insured and administered by government-approved institutions.

Most importantly, perhaps, Hamm says only those who can roll $25,000 or more into a SDRRSP should consider it.

Costs of implementation, such as insurance, appraisal fees and RRSP fees nullify any additional RRSP earnings for those who invest lesser sums.

So far, Hamm is pleased with the response to the plan. "Introducing it shows we're concerned with helping the public."

And like McLeod's overall approach to their business, Hamm proudly states "we were first off the mark on this."

Sitting at the firm's North York location, Hamm is optimistc that potential investors in the northern part of the city will see McLeod as a forward-looking and innovative enterprise.

Introducing the SDRRSP in but one element in the firm's drive to stay ahead of the competition, Hamm says. Other innovations and improvements have been introduced at their Yonge street offices.

Recently the firm's 2-year old computer system was updated. Now "we get news flashes and updates on individual stocks, the market and technical and bond surveys" on the computer system, he says.

And he predicts that in the not too distant future, each client's portfolio will be stored on computers and be available instantaneously.

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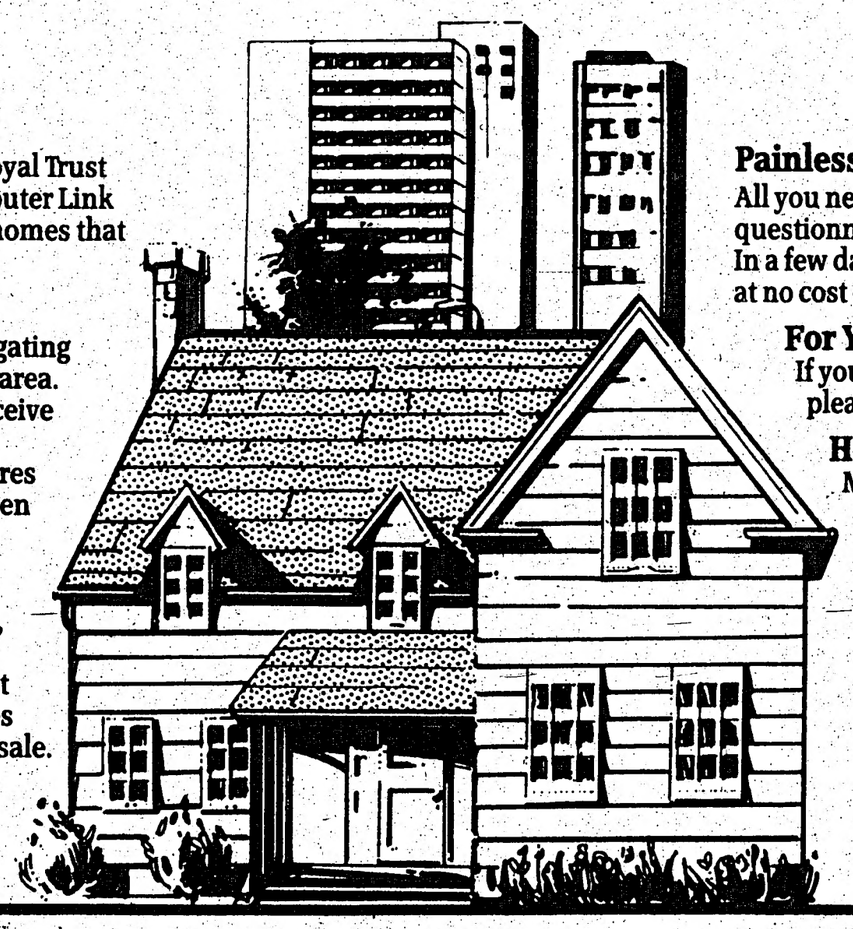

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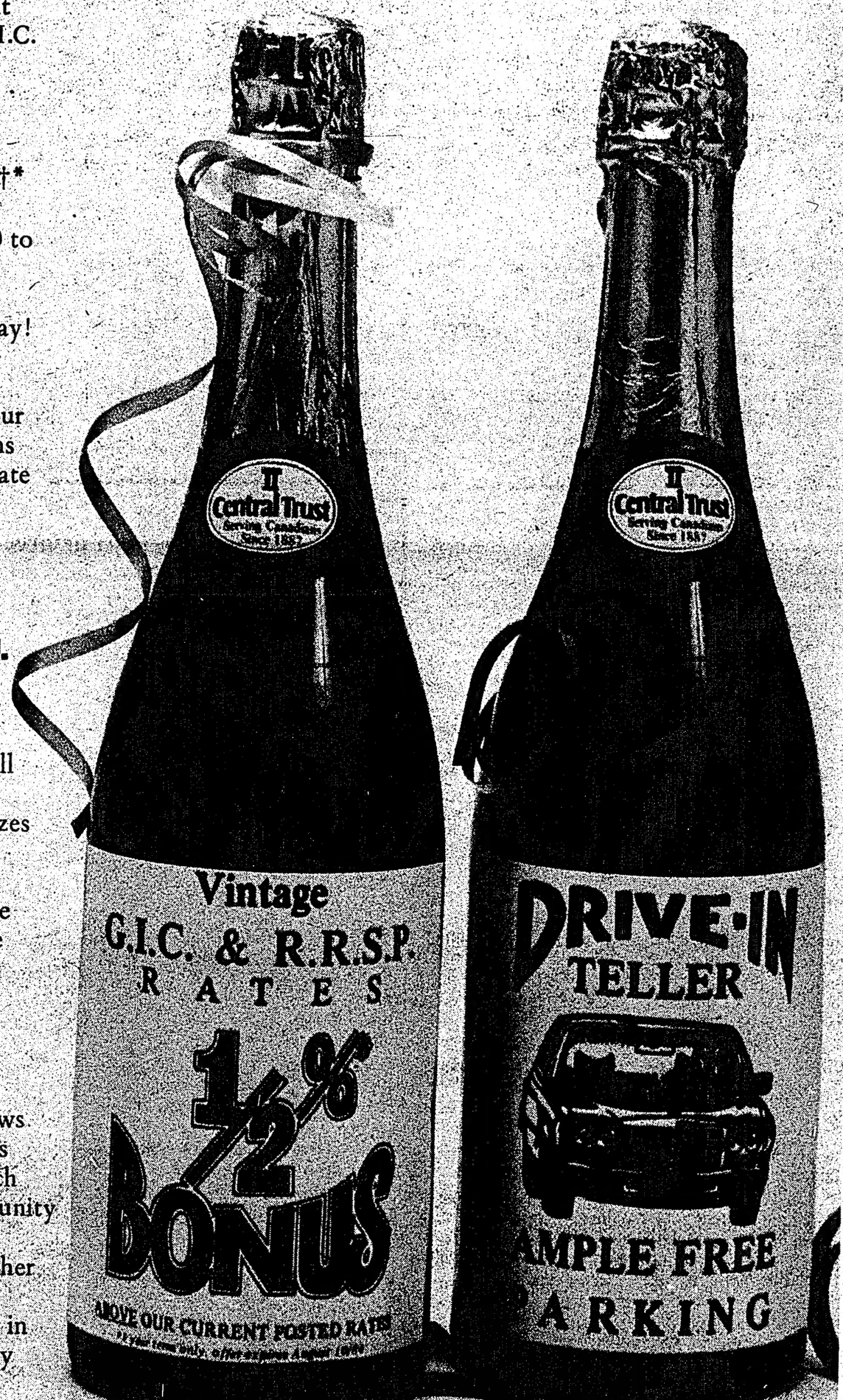

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Business Outlook

Business women must be well dressed

Wardrobe reflects personality and work attitude

By
TAMMY KAROL

How you dress reflects your personality and attitude to work, says Florence Lewis, the former senior sportswear buyer for Lipton's, a leading ladies clothing store.

Lewis, presently owner of an Eglinton Ave. women's sportswear shop in her name, claims dressing well for work is integral because it not only shows interest in one's job but in the outside world in general.

She maintains that the very "simple smart suit" she wore for an interview with Lipton's helped to get her into the company.

"The applicant after me had on a very inappropriate pantsuit," Lewis said.

According to Lewis, sportswear is today's lifestyle wear and is ideal for work.

She estimates it will cost $500 to cover a functional sportswear wardrobe for the career woman and should include a suit, shirt, blouse, sweater, pants and accessories.

"It wouldn't necessarily be expensive but a better or medium priced range of clothing," said Lewis, who had been with Lipton's for 11 years.

Working women should start off with a basic suit and the jacket and skirt can then be coordinated with a blouse, sweater or other pieces, she added.

Neutral suit shades such as black, white, or beige worn with strong emeralds, blues, red or even black and white tops are Lewis' preferences. Navy is passe in her opinion, as it can be worn year-round.

According to Lewis, the best bet in suits are linen-cotton blends.

"You wouldn't get pure linen because it creases . . . nothing is more discouraging than looking like an unmade bed," Lewis says.

Lewis claims skirts in general can be worn at any length though "hemlines are going down fast and furious."

She noted that coordinating jackets don't necessarily have to be tailored and pointed out that the newest jacket look is unconstructed with elongated shoulders and reaching to the midhip.

When hot weather strikes and jackets can no longer be worn to work, Lewis opts for cotton skirts with a sleeveless cotton vest and skirt.

Lipton's former sportswear buyer feels tailored shirts are good for work but she also recommends soft feminine blouses and cotton mixture sweaters in neutrals, brights and tobacco (the newest soft brown shade) . . . anything but pastels.

Women should look more important in work and pastels don't reflect that, according to Lewis.

Advocates skin belts

She believes blue or pink suits in particular are inappropriate for the career woman because they'll get dirty during the day and are more geared for weddings.

Lewis stresses that accessories are also essential to complement a working woman's attire.

Wood jewelry is good for sweaters and pearls are ideal for silk blouses but stay away from gold chains . . . they were popular five to seven years ago, but today don't make a fashion statement," Lewis said.

The sportswear store owner also advocates fine skin belts and the more casual or tailored look or reversible cotton wrap belts.

In addition, she's fond of cotton scarves which can be worn wrapped around the neck or waist for work.

Lewis claims opaque hose are the best bet for career women though she adds that hose can also be matched with the outfit and be part of the accessories.

Moreover, she recommends low-heeled pumps or even open-toe sandals in bone or other neutral shades and small, neat straw-colored shoulder bags for work.

Lewis maintains a simple shirt-waist dress or a 2-piece cotton dress can also be worn on the job by women who must don more conservative attire (accountants, lawyers, etc.).

For females in more "glamorous and creative fields or work" she suggests the new "wedge" dress. (The "wedge," she says, pointing to one such outfit sold in her store, "is a loose shift-like dress in a cotton linen look with patch pockets that travel from the side seam but that lie flat on the hip." Her particular sample had dolman sleeves and a round scooped neck.)

Lewis maintains that today almost all companies allow women to wear "split skirts" [culottes] but she adds that pants and skirts are "borderline" and should be avoided by women who must resort to more conservative dress because of their line of work.

Hats top off any career woman's outfit as long as they're plain and simple, according to Lewis.

The popular look this season is a fine weight baku-straw hat or a large brimmed sailor hat, which can be purchased in black, bone, or even for the more adventurous — red, Lewis says.

Lewis has been in the clothing business for 23 years and took design courses at the London School of Design.

She moved to Canada from England 30 years ago and worked with another woman in a Montreal salon before opening her own Flair Inc. boutique. After managing Flair Inc. for 10 years Lewis headed to Toronto and worked for Lipton's.

Her 8-month-old shop [Florence Lewis Sportswear, 460 Eglinton Ave. W.] carries a variety of suits, sweaters and other items for both career and non-working women.

A basic jacket and skirt topped with a shirt, button-down vest and pumps are good functional clothes for the working woman.

Quiet elegance, quality key for businessmen

By
DAVID PIERSON

Quiet elegance is the look that the executive businessman should strive for when choosing his working wardrobe.

Cecil Halpern of Halpern's Men's Wear says it is important for a businessman to buy quality clothes that are going to last and won't look ridiculous and outdated in six months.

"The smartest thing a Bay Street executive could do is buy a 3-piece blue pinstripe. For a custom-tailored, quality-made suit it would cost anywhere from $325 to $495 and it's worth every penny."

And what about the young executive who doesn't have $500 to spend on one suit? No problem, says Halpern.

"What he should do is buy a good dark blazer with some matching slacks in colors like gray and dark blue. There are some excellent trousers made of synthetics that you can buy for $50 that pretty well go with anything.

"A few pairs of pants, a sports jacket or blazer and a man is well on his way to acquiring a professional, quality look."

When discussing men's fashion Halpern emphasizes practicality and quality. "Pleats are coming back again. If you do a lot of sitting on the job, pleats make sense, as your pants don't look as creased.

"If you're a heavy-set man, pleats don't look good as the pants often look too bulky.

"You should never buy anything that is too tight. It often looks tacky and is uncomfortable."

Halpern says when buying men's clothes it is wise to stay away from fads and excesses and stick to the middle of the road. For instance, Helpern says the tip of a tie should be no wider than 3 inches and not thinner than an inch-and-a-half.

A standard white shirt with a button-down collar is still the safest thing to wear with a suit. Halpern says shirts with different color collar and cuffs are fashionably acceptable these days, but he warns the customer to make sure the colors match his suits and not to choose colors that are too loud.

In terms of upcoming trends, Halpern says that hats will be a really big item in the fall. "I was in New York recently and there used to be two hat racks at a show and now there was 40. They won't be the old-fashioned fedoras, but more updated versions in tweed and plain wool."

So grab your hats gentlemen . . . but just remember to find one that is tasteful and has, in Halpern's words, "that quiet elegance."

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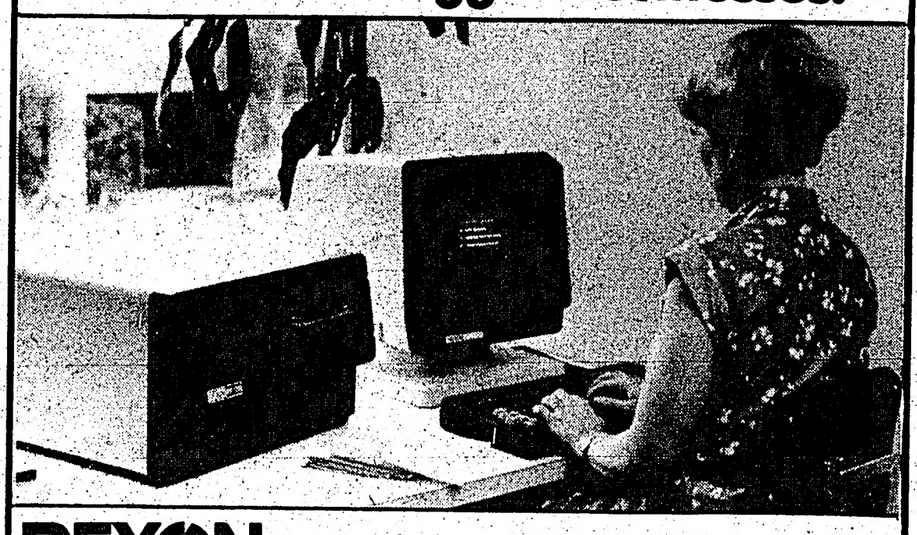

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Business Outlook

Advances only tip of iceberg

Computers give telephones added dimensions

By
DAVID PIERSON

Have you ever received a heart-stopping long distance bill? Have you ever written a crucial phone number down on a scrap of paper and lost it? How many times have you worn out your finger dialing a number only to get that infernal, irritating busy signal?

Everyone has experienced these maddening, frustrating moments with Alexander Graham Bell's invention, but with the union of the phone and the computer they are welcome things of the past.

Today's phone systems can now provide you with an accurate printout of the length, time, and place of a long distance call upon completion.

You can now type all your important phone numbers into your phone's computer memory and call them up at a touch of a button.

Your phone can now be programmed to make repeat calls until you finally do get through while you take care of other important business.

These gigantic leaps in the telecommunications field are only the tip of the iceberg, according to the principal and senior consultant of Neucom Management Systems Inc., Harry Mingail.

Mingail has just written a book describing the ways in which modern phone technology can improve your home and business life, entitled, The Business Guide to Telephone Systems.

Mingail's book explains the differences between available systems and guides the consumer to a sensible choice for his business or home use. It explains what features to look for, and how to save money and increase productivity.

At costs lower than long distance calls, the telephone company can instantaneously send a written message thousands of miles by electronic mail.

Cellular radio technologies will let your telephone go everywhere with you. Hands-free features use a speaker and a microphone rather than a handset for conversations, which makes you free to walk around a room and converse without being tied to the phone.

Mingail says this has been an important feature of his home phone. "My wife looks after our 2-year-old at home and she can now carry on a phone conversation and look after our child at the same time."

The medical applications of the new technology are incredible, says Mingail. Amplifiers will aid those suffering from hearing loss. Single - press button dialing and remote-control dialing will aid the disabled. Neck beepers can warn a hospital or ambulance service of a physical attack or sudden illness.

Everyone has at one time or another not wanted to talk to someone. Today's answering machines can now answer the phone for you while you listen to the caller's voice and decide if you want to talk to the caller.

Mingail says today's technology is so advanced and is moving at such a rapid pace that we will soon be stealing scenes from Dick Tracy comics, as we talk on our wristwatch phone.

And what of the dream of being able to see the other person you are talking to? Mingail says that technology is already available but is too expensive yet for the home and small business.

But he predicts by the end of the decade more and more video screens will be accompanying phone systems. Just remember that the next time you're in the shower and hear the phone ring!

Demand stays strong for self counsel books

By
JOAN DUMMETT

TORONTO —
In 1970, a woman who couldn't afford a divorce lawyer, asked Jack James, an articling law student, if he could help her "do it herself."

He complied by preparing a self-help list of procedures for her to follow. Armed with a few typewritten sheets of paper, the woman successfully represented herself in court and so attracted the attention of court reporters, that articles appeared in major British Columbia newspapers.

The public's response to these was astonishing. James found himself the proud possessor of several mailbags full of requests for similar legal help.

At first he used a gestetner to duplicate the information, but was unable to keep up with the demand. He rented a condemned building, bought a printing press and employed a staff to create the first Self-Counsel book, Divorce Guide.

The first of its kind in North America, it became, and still is, a best seller.

He himself took to the road to sell his product to book sellers. One of his early sales was to the owner/manager of Select Books in New Westminster, BC, Diana Douglas. She bought Divorce Guide and used it to attain her own divorce for the bargain price of $39.

Daughter of Jim Douglas, co-founder of the prestigious west-coast publishing house, Douglas and McIntyre, Douglas had spent most of her life in the publishing business, working as one of her father's sales representatives, and then doing publicity for visiting authors such as Farley Mowat.

Marriage resulted

When James took her to visit his publishing premises, she could see that his operation was not viable with a staff of 14 and one book on the market.

She advised him to get rid of the printing press and cut his staff. Meanwhile a romance had begun between the two of them which resulted in marriage.

When they decided to join forces, Douglas was able to sell her very successful bookstore to one of Canada's major chains.

Their combined skills couldn't have been better suited to developing the unique publishing house now known as International Self-Counsel Press.

After operating for about half a year, they decided to expand into the Ontario market.

While Jack made contacts with authors, Diana handled the production of the first Self-Counsel books for Ontario.

Returning to BC, they continued to expand.

Considering that publishing is not normally a money-making venture, the success of International Self-Counsel Press is astonishing. Last year's sales grossed $1.5 million.

In addition to legal aid for individuals, much of the demand comes from small business owners. Starting A Successful Business In Canada by Jack James, now in its 6th edition, sold over 70,000 copies between 1974 and 1981.

Other titles catering to small businesses include Insuring Business Risks, Employee / Employer Rights, Collecting Debts, Importing, Exporting, Advertising For The Small Business.

In 1980, Diana took over the presidency of International Self-Counsel Press when Jack's legal clinics required more and more of his time.

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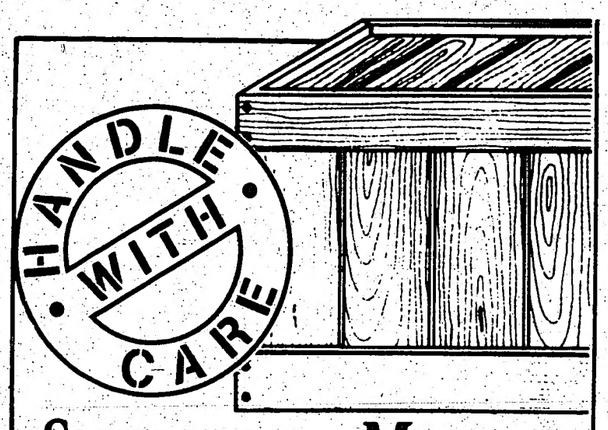

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Business Outlook

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Consultant deals advice from the gut, not books

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —
Amid a clutter of boxes piled around the room and papers strewn across the table, the office looks more like a treasured refuge of an absent-minded professor than that of the president of a successful consulting firm.

Sheldon Zelitt, president of Sheldon S. Zelitt and Associates, Inc. sits at the table, with the ever-present phone in his hand, listening intently to the problems of a client. He takes each client to heart, something which, he says, has made him among the best in the business.

"Our firm is successful because we don't necessarily play the traditional consultant's role, which is to offer a very conservative opinion from a very great distance.

"We place ourselves in the owner's shoes and do for him what we would do if we owned his business. Our recommendations come from the gut and the heart, not from a textbook," says Zelitt.

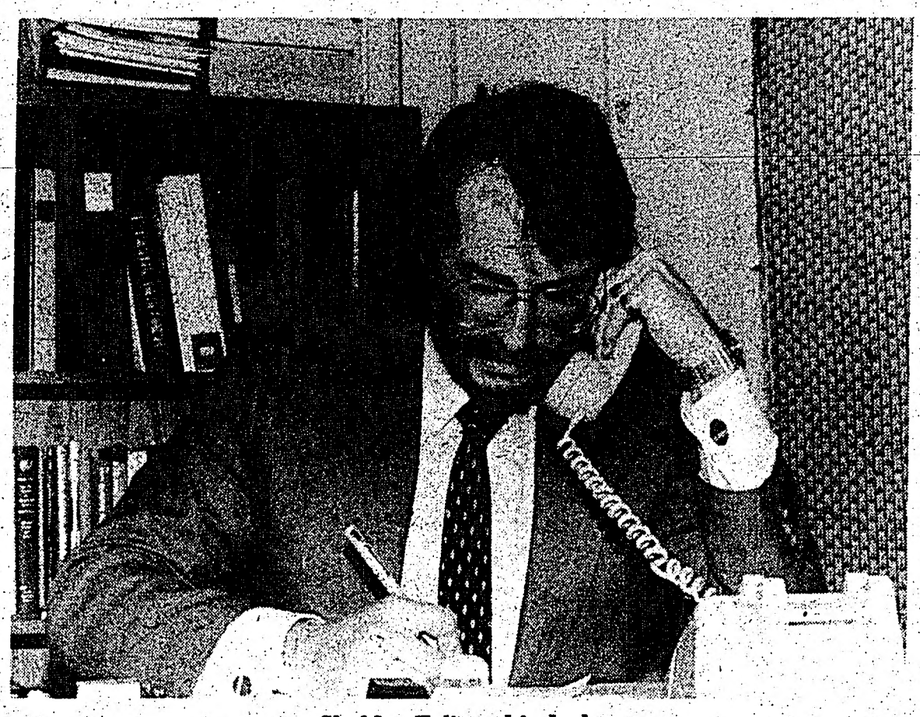
Although the business card says "engineering and management consultants," the firm is much more than that. High technology, principally information processing, and finance, not normally related areas of expertise, are the firm's two specialties.

As president, Zelitt exemplifies the firm's diversification, with a background as a professional musician, a professional engineer (with a degree from U of T and graduate work at MIT), a financial analyst and an inventor.

He describes himself as "an opportunist at heart," and feels that the firm appeals most to businesses who think the same way.

"When I started the firm 2½ years ago, my original idea of what we would be doing is very different from our actual operations today," said Zelitt.

"Having just finished two years of government service, I anticipated that the bulk of our work would be with governments. However, while we do a great deal of work for governments now, and other public sector organizations, the overwhelming bulk of our accounts are private industry."



Sheldon Zelitt at his desk.

The financial aspect of the firm is geared to the financial underpinnings of corporate enterprise and operations analysis, most notably refinancing and turnaround exercises. A new area for the firm is the acquisition of venture capital, an area which Zelitt feels has "great potential."

Zelitt, 38, was born and raised in Toronto. He has a seemingly unquenchable sense of humor and a personality like a tightly wound spring — always on the go and full of energy. Both qualities are necessary in a business where working days usually begin before 7 a.m. and rarely end before 9 p.m. He is also a self-confessed workaholic.

The firm has grown leaps and bounds since it began in the fall of 1981, with clients that range from 1-man enterprises to national organizations with portfolios in the billions of dollars.

Accounts like the Toronto Real Estate Board, whom Zelitt advises on a large distributed system that will eventually involve thousands of terminals, vie for Zelitt's time with a distributor of auto parts who works out of his home.

"I like to think we are exceptionally good on technique," says Zelitt in listing the reasons for his firm's success. "Also," he insists, "we know our stuff better than any firm downtown, and have demonstrated the willingness to take risks with our own time and money for our clients."

Another reason Sheldon S. Zelitt and Associates has been so successful in such a short period of time, says Zelitt, is his business philosophy and a belief that people are the backbone of his organization.

"Any business is, essentially, an extension of personalities. I believe that this business isn't a job, and I hire people who think that way too. Truly, my work is my fun. My business philosophy, therefore, is simply my philosophy of life, and nothing gives me more pleasure in life than making new situations come about."

He describes his employees as people who like what they are doing and who enjoy making things happen for clients. Everyone who works for him "can see a direct relationship between success for the client and success for themselves," something which he feels is a tremendous incentive.

In addition to his work as a consultant, Zelitt, is also a "mad inventor," but is very close-mouthed about his inventions. He will say little about his endeavors, other than the fact that they cover the military and paramilitary field and a "truly significant advance in solar technology that will produce electrical power."

Success has brought expansion for the firm, which has recently moved into new quarters in an old Victorian mansion on Madison Ave. The boxes have barely been unpacked and already Zelitt fears the building may be too small. Uncontrolled expansion, however, is not Zelitt's aim.

"I don't want to be the largest firm on the continent. I want Sheldon S. Zelitt and Associates to be a small group of experts to whom clients will come when it's so important, or so urgent that they cannot afford to go to anyone but the best," he says as he reaches across the mound of papers to answer the phone. It is 7 p.m. and the day is far from over.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Trust Company

Michael W. Bushell

Charles T. Evans, Assistant Vice-President, Branch Operations, Ontario Region is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael W. Bushell as Manager of the Company's 343 Wilson Avenue branch in Toronto. The Wilson Avenue branch is scheduled for opening on May 14, 1984 and will bring the total number of Company branches to 57, ten of which are located in the Metro Toronto area.

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Israel looking for oil to decrease dependency

NEW YORK [UPI] —
Israel, an oil-poor state in the rich Middle East, is engaged in a major drive to diversify its energy sources and lessen its dependence on imported oil, the Mideast Report said recently.

Israel also is stepping up exploration efforts to find domestic oil and gas, according to the New York-based newsletter specializing in Mideast affairs.

Israel imports all but 250 barrels a day of its domestic oil needs, which average 150,000 barrels a day.

It purchased 60% of its oil from Iran before the Islamic revolution in 1979, but the change in Tehran's government forced the Jewish state to redirect its energy strategy, the newsletter said.

Last year Mexico, Norway and Egypt — non-OPEC producers — provided Israel with 109,000 barrels a day. Israel bought an additional 47,000 barrels a day on the spot market at Rotterdam.

Under a pact that extends through 1990, the U.S. government has agreed to sell Israel its normal oil requirements if the Jewish state is unable to secure its own supplies.

But Israel feels vulnerable on the oil front and has turned to coal, nuclear power and solar to bolster its energy self-sufficiency, the newsletter said.

When the fourth 350-megawatt station at the coal-fueled Hadera power plant begins operating this summer, coal will generate 56% of Israel's domestic electricity requirements. Israel is planning to build another coal facility at the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon.

Israel has two nuclear research facilities and has developed several solar collector ponds, including a 64-acre pond at the Dead Sea.

Three years ago, Israel attempted to interest several major oil companies in exploring for oil and gas within its borders, but there were no takers, the newsletter said.

The Israeli government granted a sizable concession to an independent group, led by Elmco Holdings Inc., a British - based international investment concern.

The group made its first commercial oil discovery near Arad in the northern Negev desert in January and production of 100 barrels a day is scheduled to begin soon.

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Exercising isn't only for the young

sports scene

By DAVID PIERSON

"Every individual owes it to themselves to keep physically active in order to lead a healthy, independent lifestyle."

So says Michael Feldman, co-author of the Ageless Exercise Plan, a book specifically written for the over-50 age group who want to remain physically active, but don't want to be tackling workouts of Olympian proportions.

Feldman, of Racquet Sports Group of Canada and Dr. Charles Godfrey, chief of rehabilitative medicine at Wellesley Hospital, have written a sensible, straight forward account that deals with everything from the psychological hurdles with sticking to a fitness program to the exercises you can do if you suffer from such ailments like arthritis or back problems.

Feldman says his book is for people who are older in age but not necessarily in spirits. "Physical activity can make a big difference.

"Your circulatory system slows down as you age. Once past 40, the aging process begins to set in. But for those who keep active, they can look 40 at age 60."

By following Feldman and Godfrey's exercise book, you can reduce your blood pressure, improve your heart rate and flexibility. Besides the physical benefits, you gain an over-all good feeling mentally about yourself, that comes with being physically fit.

"When beginning an exercise program it is important to set realistic goals. It's a lot easier to stick to a program that you have success with.

"A good weekly exercise plan only has to consist of 20 minute workout sessions and some daily stretching to maintain a proper fitness level." Feldman says.

The Ageless Exercise Plan recommends that before beginning an exercise program, you consult your doctor if you have any doubts about your present health.

If you have any fears that some exercises could be detrimental to your health, ask your doctor about what specific exercises would be the best for you.

Once your doctor gives you the green light, you are ready to begin your exercise program. So what do you do? Maybe 50 push-ups and sit-ups would be a good place to start. Wrong! That would leave you stiff as a board the next day wishing that you never started.

"Starting slowly is the key," says Feldman. "Just like a car, you need time to warm up and cool down. One of the best things you can do is keep a progress chart. If you start slowly you can see improvements without feeling a lot of pain."

The Ageless Exercise Plan offers the simplest exercises which can deliver marathon results. "You don't have to run across Boston to be in shape. I see guys in gyms running all over the place and I get just as good results with half the workout."

Feldman cites situps as a perfect example. You don't have to bring your head right up to your knees. Raising your upper torso half way up and down can take care of a good deal of abdominal weakness.

Simple breathing exercises are an excellent way to improve your cardiovascular system. One such exercise is to put your fingertips together and inhaling as you raise your arms above your head.

Physician Charles Godfrey and fitness consultant Michael Feldman, authors of the Ageless Exercise Plan.

Then, while exhaling through your mouth you lower your arms back to the starting position.

By doing this simple exercise you increase the supply of oxygen which is necessary for energy. As you become more fit you'll find you need less oxygen to work.

To improve your flexibility, the Ageless Exercise Plan explains how to do, and the benefits derived, from such simple basic exercises as shoulder shrugs, neck mobility exercises, arm rotations, back stretch and stomach and waist strengtheners.

The plan is adamantly against the theory that physical ailments should keep you from exercising. For instance, if you suffer from poor circulation you can improve the situation.

Just by lying in bed with your legs elevated above the heart level for 30 seconds and then dropping below that level for 15 seconds will increase the ebb and flow of blood which will improve your circulation.

Arthritis is often a major problem with the over-50 group. Joints often lock and crack like old wood but by doing basic rotating exercises you can increase your range of movement and maintain flexibility in the neck and back, say the authors.

The Ageless Exercise Plan is in its second printing and Feldman is pleased with the amount of interest that seniors have shown in keeping active.

To satisfy this demand, Feldman is currently working on another exercise book for seniors with the secretariat of Canada for fitness in the third age.

"Two half-hour cassette tapes will accompany the booklet so you can exercise in time with the cassette." Feldman hopes to have the book and cassette in stores across Canada by the fall.

Despite his busy schedule, Feldman still finds time to practice what he preaches.

"I play squash at least three times a week. Either in early morning which can be a real energy boost, or after work which can be very relaxing and a nice way to wind down.

"I want to emphasize that any type of exercise is beneficial. Everything from lawn bowling, golf, tennis or even just a walk are great ways to keep in shape. Just remember, stay active!"

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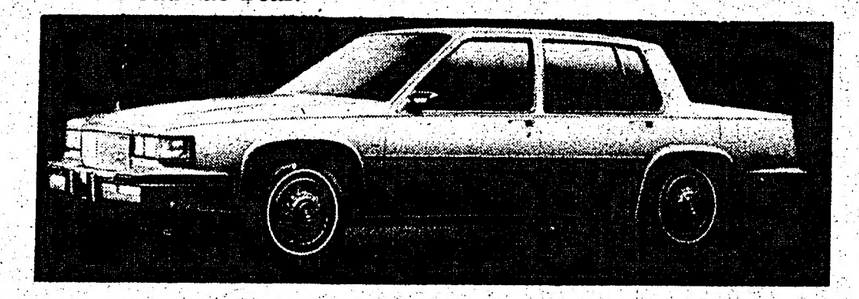

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Reduced, custom built 6 rms., 3 bdrms., bath en-suite, finished bsmt., double drive, garage.

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UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Chana Egler** will take place on Sunday, May 27, 1:30 p.m. at Dawes Road Cemetery, Apter Synagogue Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Marney Greenstein,** daughter of Syd & Jean Greenstein, & sister of Joel & Michael, will take place on Sunday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Cemetery, Shaar Shomayim section.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Minnie Merrill [Rockert]** will take place on Sunday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park Cemetery, Ozravover Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

OBITUARIES

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Ex youth director starts own business

By DAVID BIRKAN

JERUSALEM — **Zerach Greenfield,** former youth director of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, has started his own business in Israel, Amaris Creations, manufacturing gift and tourist items, costume jewelry and fashion accessories, for export.

He may be in Toronto for a short visit soon to promote his line.

Zerach and his wife **Shelly** made aliya in the fall of 1980. They have four children: **Avi,** 8½; **Zippi,** 6; **Pnina,** 4; and **Ozer,** 1, a sabra.

The Greenfiels live in the yishuv (settlement) of Beth-El, 14 km. north of Jerusalem, near Ramallah.

Zerach, who worked for a large Israeli bank in Jerusalem for a couple of years, says the economy "is not as bad as people make it out to be. Israel is not about to default on its debts.

"The emphasis is on exports, which continue to rise. Imports are dropping, particularly luxury items like cars.

"Many, if not most, Israelis have their own apartments, and these are fully paid off.

"All in all, it adds up to a pretty good picture," he said.

Zerach has an apocryphal story for Canadians dependent upon the general media for their knowledge and impressions of life in Israel. a few months ago, he was routinely listening to a mid-day English-language newscast when suddenly a report about large-scale rioting in Ramallah came over the air.

Alarmed, he waited to get more details from his neighbor, who had gone to the Arab town that day on business.

On his return, the neighbor told Zerach and other concerned people that there had been no rioting in Ramallah that day whatsoever. They contacted the radio news network and were told that the riot account was telephoned in by a regular stringer just before air time, and there had been no chance to confirm it.

A correction or apology was never broadcast.

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Moshe Amir, who made aliya as a student in 1966, has the following comment on life in Israel:

"The optimist thinks that this is the best of all places for a Jew to be. The pessimist agrees with him."

Amir works as an administrator for the Hebrew University. He and his wife **Marian,** who is originally from Denmark, have two children: **Yigal,** 9, and **Yoni,** 6.

Moshe is originally from Toronto, the son of **Sam and Miriam Appelbaum.** His parents can also be described as originally from Toronto; they themselves made aliya in 1972.

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Benders of Toronto arrive

Meanwhile, back at the absorption centre of Mevasseret Zion, just west of Jerusalem . . .

• A new family has recently arrived from Canada, **Barry and Norma Bender** of Toronto, and their 18-month-old twins.

• The installation of an additional lock on every front door (at the resident's expense) has been completed, in compliance with additional insurance regulations following a rash of break-ins last fall.

However, because of the way the door frame was constructed, the most common type of lock used could only be accommodated in an unusual position: at the very top of the door. This is beyond the reach of all the children and many of the adults. The locks remain unused.

Still, they're installed, and the insurance company is satisfied.

One family is thinking of using their lock as an emergency coat hanger.

• Ah, bureaucracy and politics, or vice-versa:

A story around Purim time in the Jerusalem Post quoted a Jewish Agency spokesman to the effect that 50,000 new housing units were being released for olim. This was in apparent response to increasing expressions of dissatisfaction, capped by a week of demonstrations.

When asked about the availability of all these housing units, the absorption centre's ministry of housing representative shrugged and said she didn't know a thing about it.

The Jewish Agency provides low cost rental and/or purchase apartments for needy olim, largely through funds raised in the Diaspora. These are easily and quickly available in development towns, where, unfortunately, jobs are particularly scarce. Obtaining a Jewish Agency apartment in the Jerusalem area, can take years.

One family, from England, moved to their Jewish Agency apartment after waiting for three years. Some olim from Russia have been waiting in Mavasseret for at least that time.

One family from the United States managed to acquire an apartment in the Jerusalem area within 18 months. The wait was accompanied by an intensive letter-writing campaign. Another U.S. family has just embarked on a similar course.

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In Israeli commerce, some individuals are apparently indispensible, report olim seeking to institute negotiations for one type of business or another, including export.

Very often, they say, there is only one person who can give the final price of a product or its availability and he happens to be overseas, on miluim (reserve duty) or on a call. If he's not there, nobody else can answer a vital business question. And so, the matter hangs.

A frequently encountered lackadaisical attitude, in which receptionists take callers' names only when pressed to do so and phone calls are rarely returned, also tends to slow down procedures, according to veteran North American businessmen.

Products difficult to obtain

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In what way was Pesach harder to observe in Israel than in Canada?

Answer: in obtaining the appropriate kosher-le-Pesach products.

Most olim are of Ashkenaz (European) background in their traditions, prohibited by custom from eating among other things, rice and bean products on Passover. These same products are perfectly acceptable in the Sephardic (North African and Middle Eastern) tradition.

The problem arises that foodstuffs labeled kosher-lePesach may frequently contain rice and bean products. For Ashkenazic Jews, that's not good. So, as Pesach shopping began, the names of products premitted to Westerners were passed by word of mouth or through special circulars. Care had to be taken. This reporter, for example, was dismayed at being told by his more careful wife that the four packs of margarine he has just brought home could not be used.

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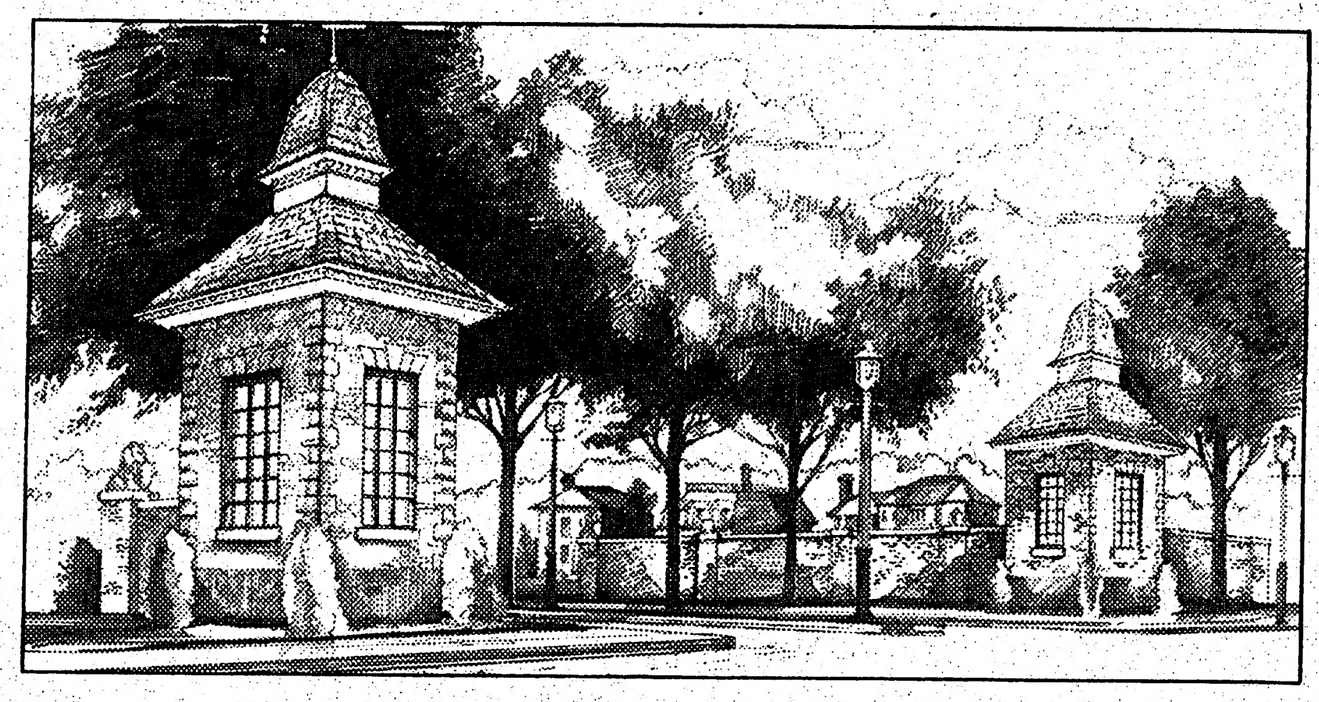

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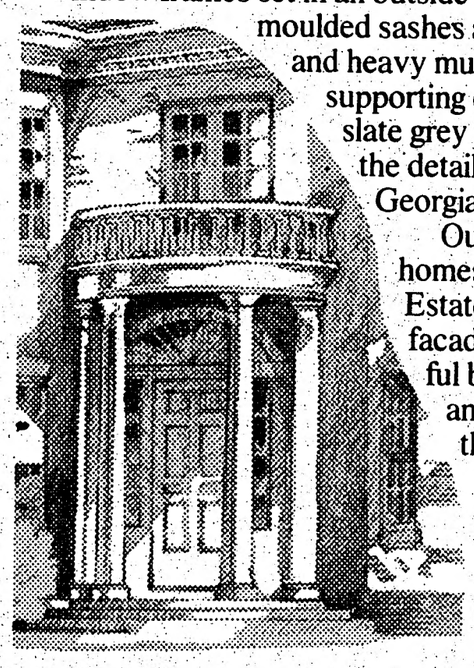

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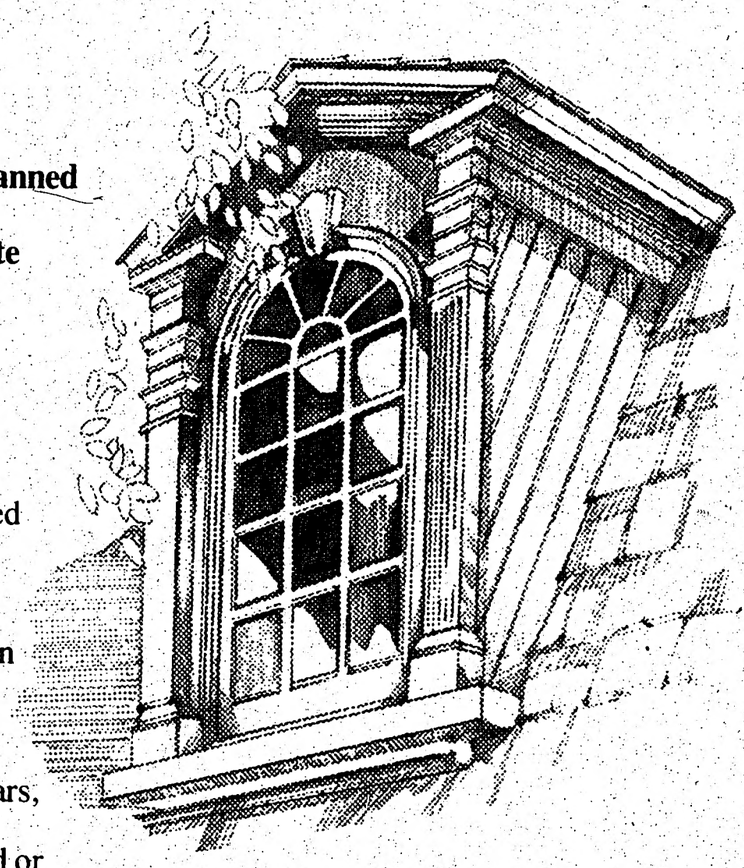

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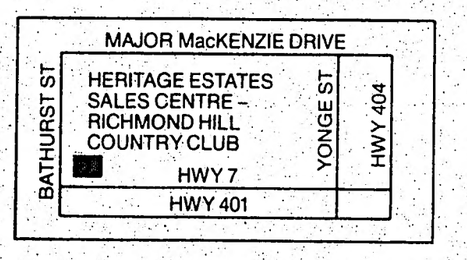

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